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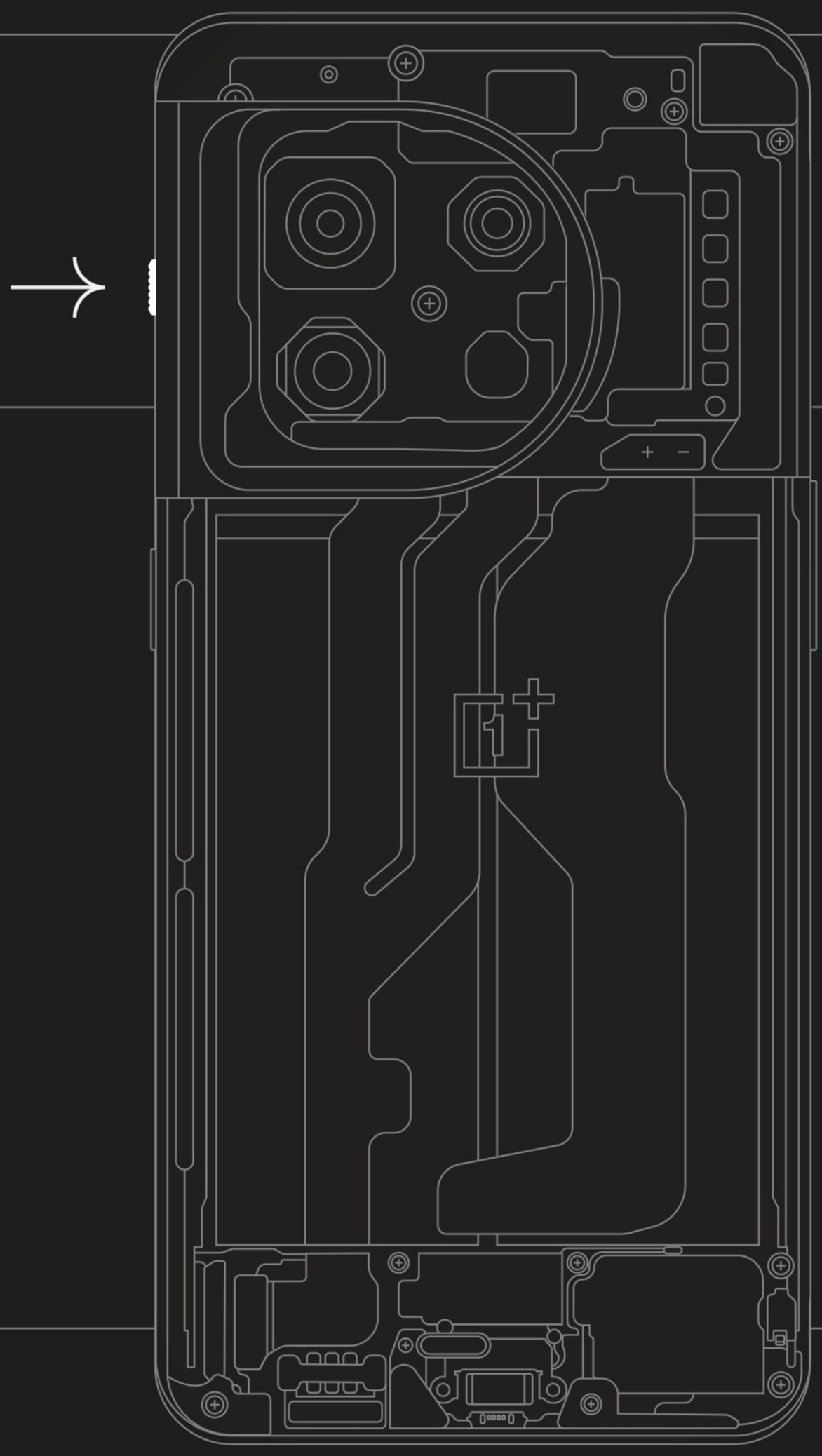

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BELAGAVI
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Report potholes on 'Fix My Street' app from Jan. 1

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The public can report potholes on the city streets to BBMP on the 'FixMyStreet' mobile app, which will be open from January 1, 2023. » PAGE 4

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New scanners to speed up security check at airports

BCAS to issue technical norms within a month for new security technology to screen cabin bags as well as full-body scanners so that passengers will not have to remove electronic devices

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The long queues of air travellers removing their laptops, mobile phones and chargers from their cabin baggage before screening them could soon become history in India. The aviation security regulator, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), is expected to issue technical norms within a month which will pave the way for airports to adopt modern equipment to screen bags without removing electronic devices.

"Newer technologies are needed for better security as well as passenger convenience," BCAS director general Zulfiquar Hasan told *The Hindu*.

"All airports, including Delhi airport, need to improve the machines deployed for screening of cabin bags. They are lagging behind. Technologies such as dual x-ray, computer tomography and neutron beam technology will eliminate the need for passengers to remove laptops and other electronic devices," a senior official of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), which oversees airport security, told *The Hindu* on the condition of anonymity.

Obstacle course: Airports have been blamed for not setting up facilities to cater to the growing number of flyers. FILE PHOTO

Overcrowded airports

The call for modernisation comes at a time when airports across the country are seeing a record number of air travellers that have already exceeded pre-COVID levels. A total of 4.27 lakh domestic travellers were seen on December 11. At the Delhi airport, which recently saw overcrowding resulting in passengers missing flights, security lanes were found to be the biggest congestion points primarily because the number of X-ray machines for screening cabin bags were not commensurate with passenger traffic.

Senior government officials have blamed airports for failing to grow their infrastructure to cater to growing number of flights and passengers, and Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia stepped in to order the airport operator to provide more machines for screening cabin bags.

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Delhi L-G orders recovery of ₹97 crore from AAP for 'political advertisements'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has directed Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar to recover ₹97.14 crore with interest from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for a number of "political advertisements" published or telecast as government advertisements in 2015 and 2016, official sources said on Tuesday.

Mr. Saxena directed Mr. Kumar to implement the 2016 order of the Committee on Content Regulation in Government Advertising (CCRGA), a three-member body formed by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on the directions of the Supreme Court.

The CCRGA in September 2016 found various Delhi government advertisements to be in violation of the top court's guidelines and had asked the Directorate of Information and Publicity (DIP) to recover the amount spent on those advertisements from the AAP.

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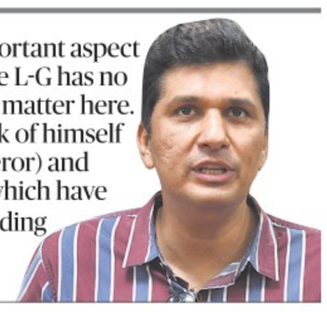
> **SAURABH BHARADWAJ**
> AAP chief spokesperson



AAP's chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj said the L-G was passing "illegal orders" without any jurisdiction. "The most important aspect here is that the L-G has no power to speak on this matter. He is starting to issue directives on matters in which he has no legal stand. He is beginning to think of himself as a *shahenshah* (emperor) and passing illegal orders which have absolutely no legal standing," he said.

The L-G has also asked the Chief Secretary to refer all Delhi government advertisements since September 2016 to the CCRGA for ascertaining if they were in consonance with the top court's guidelines, officials said.

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Killers of J&K civilians among 3 LeT men shot dead

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Three Lashkar-e-Taiba militants were killed in an operation in south Kashmir's Shopian on Tuesday. Two of them were behind the killings of a Kashmiri Pandit and a non-local.

"All the modules of militants involved in civilian killings in the last three years have been neutralised. There is only one left, which will be neutralised soon," Additional Director-General of Police Vijay Kumar told *The Hindu*.

Lateef Lone, one of the militants killed in Shopian's Munj Marg, was involved in the killing of Puran Krishan Bhat, a Pandit.

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When will Modi govt. start asserting claim on LAC, asks Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Stepping up its attack on the Modi government over its handling of the border issue with China, the Congress on Tuesday asked when the government would stop "legitimising Chinese aggression by referring to differences in perception" instead of asserting India's claim.

In a statement, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh also asked External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar when he would unequivocally declare that the "restoration of the pre-2020 status quo" along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) "is our objective".

Jairam Ramesh

The Congress's comeback followed Mr. Jaishankar's statement in the Lok Sabha on Monday where the Minister strongly objected to the use of the term *pitaai* (beating) by former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi while referring to the clash between Indian and Chinese soldiers in Tawang on December 9.

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'Panel's report on boundary is final'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Taking a firm stand on the boundary dispute, both the Houses of the Karnataka legislature are set to adopt a resolution indicating that the dispute with Maharashtra is a "settled issue" and that Mahajan Commission report is the final word on boundary.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai agreed to a suggestion to this effect made by the Opposition during a debate on the boundary row in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. The resolution is expected to be adopted on Wednesday when the Chief Minister would reply to the debate.

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T.N. job seekers counted on the wrong men

Gang 'trains' 25 youth for Railway jobs by making them count arrivals, departures, coaches at New Delhi station for eight hours daily, taking them for a royal ride after cheating them of ₹2.6 crore

Samridhi Tewari
NEW DELHI

Every day, for two to eight hours, they stood on the bustling platforms of the New Delhi Railway Station and counted the arrivals and departures of trains, and the number of coaches in each train.

At least 25 people from Tamil Nadu paid sums ranging from ₹2 lakh to ₹24 lakh for the right to carry out this task, believing that they were part of a "training exercise" that would lead to a coveted job in the

Railways. Little did they know that they were a part of an employment scam.

The Delhi Police on Tuesday said the victims were collectively cheated of more than ₹2.6 crore.

A case was registered on the basis of a complaint filed by M. Subbusamy, a 78-year-old ex-serviceman from Tamil Nadu. He had taken several of his neighbours and family members to Delhi for "employment", but realised he was also being cheated.

According to the police, the accused – Sivaraman, Vikas Rana, Dubey, and Rahul Chaudhary – enticed the men by promising them Railway jobs.

Most of the victims are graduates with backgrounds in engineering and technical education, Senthil Kumar, one of the victims, said.

Rajesh Kumar, who paid ₹12 lakh, said: "We were made to count trains and compartments, their arrival and departure time. I kept thinking about my future while I was doing it. I thought, maybe it starts with something small."

Yogesh Baweja, Additional Director-General for Media and Communication in the Railway Ministry, said the Railway Board had been regularly issuing advisories and alerting people to such fraudulent practices.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Government raised four lakh crore via disinvestment

4.04 In ₹ lakh crore, the amount raised by the government through disinvestment and strategic sale of public sector enterprises since the Modi government came into power in 2014, according to the Finance Ministry. Strategic sales in 10 companies, including Air India, yielded ₹69,412 crore to the exchequer in the last eight years. PTI

A decline in Naxal violence and deaths in the past 10 years

77 The percentage by which incidents of Naxal violence reduced from the high of 2,213 in 2010 to 509 in 2021, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai informed Lok Sabha. Resultant deaths (civilians and security forces) have reduced by 85% from the high of 1,005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021, Mr. Rai said. The geographical spread of the violence has also reduced. PTI

An increase in fodder prices in November, says Union Minister

28 The percentage by which fodder prices have increased in November compared to the same month last year, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala said in a reply in Lok Sabha. The Minister informed that according to an estimate by ICAR, Jhansi, there is a deficit of 11.24% and 23.4% in green fodder and dry fodder respectively, at the national level. PTI

Adulterated and sub-standard drug samples rampant

3 In percentage, the drug samples which were declared not of standard quality out of the 84,874 drug samples tested in 2020-21. Moreover, 263 were found spurious and adulterated, Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar informed the Rajya Sabha. Ms. Pawar said that various regulatory measures have been taken to curb circulation of sub-standard medicines. PTI

Indian pharmas blacklisted by Nepal's drug authority

16 The number of Indian pharmaceutical companies, including Divya Pharmacy which manufactures Yoga Guru Ramdev's Patanjali products, blacklisted by Nepal's drug regulatory authority. The department stated that the companies failed to comply with the WHO's drug manufacturing standards. PTI

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A new global biodiversity framework

What is the Kunming-Montreal agreement adopted by 188 of the 196 member nations during the Convention on Biological Diversity? What is the Global Environment Facility? Why should GDP be re-evaluated as the chief determinant of development?

EXPLAINER

G. Ananthakrishnan

The story so far:

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations agreement to conserve and sustainably use earth's biodiversity, got a boost at a conference held in Montreal recently, when 188 of 196 member governments agreed on a new framework to halt the sharp and steady loss of biological species. These governments, supported by the U.S. and the Vatican, who are not party to the Convention, adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) that sets out four goals for 2050, and 23 targets for 2030, to save existing biodiversity and ensure that 30% of degraded terrestrial, inland water, coastal and marine ecosystems come under effective restoration.

Why is biodiversity important?

Often called the web of life, biodiversity signifies the variety of species on earth, which are all connected and sustain the balance of ecosystems, enabling humans to coexist. They interact with the environment to perform a host of functions. The CBD states that only about 1.75 million species have so far been identified, including numerous insects, while there may be some 13 million species.

Some familiar ecosystem services rendered by diverse living forms, of which plants and animals are the most visible, include providing humans with food, fuel, fibre, shelter, building materials, air and water purification, stabilisation of climate, pollination of plants including those used in agriculture, and moderating the effects of flood, drought, extreme temperatures and wind. A disruption of these produces severe impacts such as failed agriculture, aberrant climate patterns and cascading losses of species that accelerate the degradation of earth.

According to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), a quarter of the plants and animals it assessed for the 2019 Global Biodiversity Outlook are threatened, which translates to about one million species facing extinction. Similarly, a review on the economics of biodiversity by Cambridge professor Partha Dasgupta commissioned by the U. K. government reported that the current model of economic growth would require 1.6 earths to maintain current lifestyles.

What does the Kunming-Montreal pact aim to achieve?

The agreement to implement the GBF was pushed through on December 18 by the Chinese conference presidency and host Canada in the face of objections from some African countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon and Uganda. It sets out targets for 2030 on protection for degraded areas, resource mobilisation for conservation, compensation for countries that preserve biodiversity, halting human activity linked to species extinction, reducing by half the spread of invasive alien species (introduced plants and animals that affect endemic biodiversity), cutting pollution to non-harmful levels and minimising climate change impact and ocean acidification, among others.

The GBF goals and targets do not prohibit the use of biodiversity, but call for sustainable use, and a sharing of benefits from genetic resources. Target five specifically states that the use, harvesting and trade in wild species should be "sustainable, safe and legal, preventing overexploitation, minimising impacts on non-target species and ecosystems…and reducing the risk of pathogen spillover…" The GBF emphasises respect for the rights of indigenous communities that traditionally protect forests and biodiversity, and their involvement in conservation efforts. It advocates similar roles for women and local communities.

Race to protect: A scene from the Kaziranga national park in Assam in 2021. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Agricultural practices also find a strong focus. Besides emphasising sustainable practices in agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and forestry, the agreement calls upon members to adopt biodiversity-supporting methods such as agroecology and sustainable intensification. This acquires significance, since growing Genetically Modified (GM) crops is not favoured by agroecologists as they could contaminate nearby wild species of the same plants.

One target also looks at turning cities into hosts of biodiversity, by expanding the area of and improving the quality and access to urban green and blue spaces. Urban planning should also be biodiversity-inclusive, "enhancing native biodiversity, ecological connectivity and integrity, and improving human health and well-being and connection to nature."

Earlier, the CBD had launched the Aichi biodiversity targets for 2020, which included safeguarding of all ecosystems that provide services for humanity's survival, and the Nagoya Protocol which went into effect in 2014 to ensure sharing of biodiversity access and benefits.

What is the roadmap to 2030 and 2050?

The key aspects of the four GBF goals for 2050 deal with maintaining ecosystem integrity and health to halt extinctions, measuring and valuing ecosystem services provided by biodiversity, sharing monetary and non-monetary gains from genetic resources and digital sequencing of genetic resources with indigenous people and local communities, and raising resources for all countries to close a biodiversity finance gap of an estimated $700 billion.

Recognising the challenging nature of the goals and targets, the GBF has specific provisions on implementing and monitoring. Member nations need to submit a revised and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan in the conference to be held in 2024. Further, the parties to the CBD should submit national reports in 2026 and 2029 to help prepare global reviews. High level discussions on the progress reviews should be held in 2024 and 2026.

Countries would have to review existing laws relating to not just the environment, but areas such as industry, agriculture and land use, to ensure that the national strategy and action plan adequately protects biodiversity. For instance, business and industry, including transnational corporations would have to assess, monitor and report the risks and impacts of their operations and portfolios. They must provide information for sustainable consumption and comply with the rules on benefit-sharing. Perverse incentives that affect biodiversity should be eliminated.

Indigenous people, local communities, sub-national governments, cities and local authorities, intergovernmental organisations, multilateral environmental agreements, non-governmental organisations, women, youth, research organisations and the business and finance community have been invited to voluntarily participate in national biodiversity protection plans. There are specific indicators for countries to report their progress, as part of a transparency and reporting arrangement.

What funding arrangements are planned?

By 2030, the GBF hopes to see at least $200 billion raised per year from all sources – domestic, international, public and private – towards implementation of the national action plans. In terms of international funding, developing countries should get at least $20 billion a year by 2025 and at least $30 billion by 2030 through contributions from developed countries. The Global Environment Facility (GEF), a multilateral body that partners countries and agencies, has been asked to establish in 2023, and until 2030, a Special Trust Fund to support the implementation of the GBF. Complementing this, the GBF envisages that there will be access to justice and information related to biodiversity for indigenous peoples and local communities, respecting their cultures and rights over lands, territories, resources, and traditional knowledge, as well as by women, children and youth, and persons with disabilities, and ensure the full protection of environmental human rights defenders. The GBF is aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals, three of which directly deal with the environment and thus with biodiversity: Goal 13 on climate action, Goal 14 on life below water and Goal 15 on life on land.

What are the challenges to protecting biodiversity?

The major challenge to protecting and expanding biodiversity conservation, says Prof. Partha Dasgupta, is the use of GDP as the chief determinant of development. The economist says in the Dasgupta Review report that GDP is based on a faulty application of economics that excludes "depreciation of assets" like nature which is degraded by relentless extraction of resources. He calls for appreciation of nature, and measuring "inclusive wealth", which captures not just financial and produced capital but also human, social and natural capital.

The UN's effort to measure wealth more broadly through its "Inclusive Wealth" (IW) report showed in 2018 that although 135 countries did better on inclusive wealth in 2014 compared to 1990, the global GDP growth rate considerably outpaced IW: an average of 1.8% per year for IW compared to 3.4% for GDP per year during the period.

The writer is a Chennai-based journalist

THE GIST

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಆಜ್ಞಾನುಸಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಸಣ್ಣ ನೀರಾವರಿ & ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಇವರು ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ ಆಕ್ಟ್–2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ, ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ– 4 ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಐ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ–32 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ 07 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.1 ರಿಂದ 2 ಹಾಗೂ 7 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚುರ ಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಐ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ–32 ರಲ್ಲಿ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾದ 07 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.3 ರಿಂದ 4 ಹಾಗೂ 6 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪ್ರಚುರವನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.12.2022ರಿಂದ ಇ–ಫೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಲು/ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31.12.2022 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05:30 ರವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.01.2022ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.01.2022 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 04:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ), ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.01.2022 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 04:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ), ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ ಅಥವಾ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಮೊತ್ತ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ (08194–231811) ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್.ಪಿ. ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080–25501216/080–25501227 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

RO No. 783: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.R.E. DIVISION BIDAR

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-3/2022-23/ 2484 Date: 20.12.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 01 work approved under K.K.R.D.B. as per KW-04 in Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the work is Rs. 107,63,891.00 (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety one only). Tender documents may be downloaded from the e.procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on 20.12.2022 to or before 16.00 hours up to 03.01.2023. Technical Bid will be opened on 04.01.2023 & Financial Bid will be opened on 07.01.2023 respectively. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/383/MC&A/2022-23

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rakshita D/o JC-276885X Sub (Gnr) Gopalakrishna. R R/o Village Kambadahalli Post Tumbadi Tehsil : Koratagere, Dist: Tumkur Karnataka state have changed my name from Rakshita to Ranjana .G vide affidavit dated 14/11/2022

I, Babu M alias Babu S/o Maniyappa , residing at No.842, Krishnarajasagara, Nalluru File, Hongahalli, Mandya, Karnataka - 571607, have changed my name to Babu Jonathan and declare that I have renounced Hindu religion and embraced Christian religion effect from 20/02/2014.

I, Sreerag S/o M Janardhanan, R/o: B 17, Vintage Square Hagadur Main Road, Opposite To Prestige Ozone Brookebond, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560066, changed my name from to Sreerag Janardhanan for all purposes in future.

I, RANI POPAT alias Verma Rani Mahavir D/o Mahavir Prasad Verma, W/o Rajiv Popat,residing at H.No.1775 18th Main, 4th Cross, JP Nagar 2nd Phase,Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560078 changed my name to Rani Verma for all purposes in future.

I, PRIYANKA, W/o Service No.15328080K Rank:Hav Name: Sushil Kumar, working in Indian Army unit 6 Engr Regt C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Priyanka Sharma to Priyanka vide affidavit dated 20-12-2022 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KHUMRUNISSA Basheer Ahmed, R/at No.16/1, 2nd Cross, Captain Munshi Layout, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name to Khamrunnisa vide affidavit dated 17-12-2022 before Notary Y R Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

I, Meenakshi M D/o P Manivannan, residing at #12,F Block, Karnataka Slum Bord, Near Army Collage , Nagareshwara Nagenahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560077 hereby state that I have changed my name to Aarin Roy M and gender as male. I, Meenakshi M henceforth be known as Aarin Roy M S/o P Manivannan.

I, Varalakshmamma W/o JC-276885X Sub (Gnr) Gopalakrishna . R R/o Vill. Kambadahalli Post Tumbadi Tehsil : Koratagere, Dist: Tumkur Karnataka state have changed my name from Varalakshmamma to Varalakshmi vide affidavit dtd 14/11/2022

I, MARY SHARMILA have changed my name from MARY SHARMILA H to MARY SHARMILA, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 19–12–2022, Sworn before the Notary SESHAGIRI, Bang 43

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

No.DUBA/Cons/434/MR/2022-(194) Dated: 15/12/2022

Mr. Prashant Jayantilal Soni
S/o Jayantilal Balubhai
Resident of 902/347, Azure Tree Township LLP, Srishti Complex, Sect-3, Mira Road (E), Thane, Pin: 401107, Maharashtra, India
Present Address: APT 701
Jam Tower A, Burj Khalifa Street, Dubai, UAE
And Miss Aishwarya Subbaraman
Daughter of Ayalur Subramanian Subbaraman, Resident of C 004 Adarsh Palace 47th Cross 5th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore 41
Present Address: APT 701
Jam Tower A, Burj Khalifa Street, Dubai, UAE.
Above mentioned Indian nationals are presently residing in the UAE have given notice of intended marriage between them under The Foreign Marriages Act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/Rules within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice on Email: cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in, cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in

(Bijender Singh) (Marriage Officer)
Consulate General of India
P.O. Box 737, Dubai (UAE)
Fax No. 009714-3970453
Email: cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in, cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I AM Rajeshwari W/o Suresh Babu staying in 18/5, 14th cross Sampangiramanagar bangalore 560027 have changed my name to Rajeshwari Suresh Babu for all furthur purposes

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 25757/2020

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at LandMark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Ajay ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Ajay,
S/o Sri. Ramesh, Aged about 49 years, No. 61, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, AGB Layout, ML Puram, Government Hospital, Bangalore- 560 086

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.5,68,786/- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 06.02.2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 14.12.2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
Deputy Registrar City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 28th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. NO. 25769/ 2020

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder **Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa** ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Anthony ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Anthony,
S/o. Mr. Harry Willam,
Aged about 42 years,
No.02, Ranganatha Nilaya,
Anthony Swamy Layout,
Lingarajapuram, Opp. to Abinaya Shop, Bangalore,
Karnataka- 560 047

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 3,47,148/- (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 28th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 29) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 06/01/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **14/12/2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR CITY CIVIL COURT MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-18) AT BENGALURU
O.S. NO. 2403 /2021
Hg: 07/02/2023

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore-560025, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised Representative ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. Shivakumara M.E.
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
1. MR. SHIVAKUMARA M.E. S/o Eraiah, Aged About 33 Years, R/at No.6531, Basavakrupa Nilaya, 1st Floor, 16th Cross Rp Road, Nageshwaran Layout, Near Kalamandir, Mysore- 571301.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 3,77,392/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-18), in person or by a pleader, on the day 07/02/2023 at 11:00 A.M. of answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 08th day of December, 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar, Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru -01.

TENDERS

KERALA STATE CENTRE FOR ADVANCED PRINTING AND TRAINING
Head Office Complex, Vattiyoorkkavu, Thiruvananthapuram, Ph: 2365678, 2365415

e-TENDER NOTICE

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Sd/- MD, C-apt

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EEE(O)/AEE(C)/22-23/6342-45 Date: 19.12.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender for the various nature Civil Engineering 3 nos of works coming under Tr(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad.

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **21.12.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Register, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru-56.

No.: BU/E-Gov/Tenders-ADV-08/2022-23 Date: 16.12.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bangalore University invites bids for the following tenders following tenders through e-procurement Portal; Details of the tenders at e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnatka.gov.in.** Bids are to be submitted electronically at **https://eproc.karnatka.gov.in**. Bidders are requested to adhere to the time schedule prescribed in the tender.

Sl. No.	Description of the Tender
1	Supply of Furniture items to the Department of Education
2	Providing waterproofing, painting, water supply and other repair works at Department of Mathematics (RESERVED FOR SC CATEGORY)
3	Providing Painting, Water supply and other repair works at Administrative Block
4	Providing painting, water supply and other repair works at Department of Environmental Science
5	Providing painting, water supply and other repair works at Depart ment of MBA, Commerce & Communication
6	Providing painting, water supply and other repair works at Physics Department
7	Providing painting, water supply and other repair works at Visual Arts and Apparel Technology
8	Providing waterproofing, painting, water supply and other repair works at Molecular Biology Department
9	Providing electrical repair works at Department of Architecture and performing arts, Manasa Bhavan, Ashoka Bhavan & Urdu department (Reserved for ST Category)
10	Providing electrical rewiring and air conditioners to IT Centre at Library building and electrical repair works to Library (Reserved for ST Category)
11	Painting and renovation of Electronic science Department building
12	Providing Painting, water supply and other repair works at Bio-Technology and Micro biology Department
13	Providing Painting, water supply and other repair works at University Law College (RESERVED FOR SC CATEGORY)
14	Providing water proofing, Painting and water supply repair works at Chemistry Department
15	Providing rewiring with fixtures and other electrical repair works at old ladies hostel building (RESERVED FOR SC CATEGORY)
16	Renovation of placement office and other repair works at Dept. Civil engineering
17	Providing renovation of Toilets, Painting and water supply repair works at Psychology, MCA and Life Science Department
18	Providing Repairs to Readers Quarters No. 04, 06 and Lecturers Quarters No. 11
19	Repair and Renovation of IAS IPS Coaching Centre (RESERVED FOR SC CATEGORY)

at Jnana Bharathi campus, Bangalore University, Bangalore

Sd/-
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION, RAMANAGARA

Tender Notification No. 52/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/TENDER/ AE-1&2/ FSM/11910-1920/2022-23 Date : 19-12-2022

The RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under Two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 - STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-3 for **FSM works under SBM** through e-procurement from Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.

* **Amount Put to Tender For Kanakpura Taluk FSM Work : Rs. 71.86 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 1.44 Lakhs**
* **Amount Put to Tender For Ramanagara Taluk FSM Work: Rs. 68.59 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 1.37 Lakhs**
* **Period of Contract : 06 Months**
* **Last Date for submission of Tender : 06.01.2023 Upto 5.30 PM**
* **Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 09.01.2023 at 11.00 AM onwards**
* **Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 13.01.2023 at 11.00 AM onwards.**

For further particulars / details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Ramanagara.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi
Ph : 08282-271063 Fax : 08282-271063
E-mail : eeknnlbdvt@yahoo.co.in

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

No.EE/KNNL/BDN-4/PB-5/4701 SCP/Tender Notification No - 39 /2022-23 Dated : 16.12.2022

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractor under the Head of Account 4701 SCP. The No. of works is 02. The approximate cost of amount put to tender varies is **Rs.89.72 Lakhs to Rs.98.68 Lakhs.** The amount of **EMD is varies from Rs.179500/- to Rs.199500/-** (by e-portal). Contactors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from **17.12.2022 to 27.12.2022 upto 17.30 hours** in the **website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Technical Bid will be opened on **28.12.2022 at 17.31 hours**. Financial Bid will be opened After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority. Stipulated period for completion of **work 06 Months (Including monsoon).** For more conditions and details visit website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No. **08282 271063**

DIPR/SMG/No.123-12zenkar/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL,No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010. Telefax : 080-22024000
e-mail : cekrdcl@gmail.com Website: http://www.krdcl.in

No. KRDCL/IFB/2022-23/36 Date: 20.12.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (on e-procurement basis)

The Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites offer from agencies having experience in respect of following work as per the requirement of Bangalore City Traffic Police on item rate tender basis in two cover system as detailed : **1) Providing Thermoplastic Road Marking at 50 Major Junctions in Bangalore City under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project to Bengaluru City Traffic Police bearing tender Number KRDCL/2022-23/BT/WORK_INDENT442.** Approximate Estimated Cost: **Rs.282.00 Lakhs.** Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs.4.23 Lakhs.** Period of Complection: **02 months. 2) Printing & Supply of 1MV 133 Notices to Bengaluru City Traffic Police under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project in Bengaluru bearing tender Number KRDCL/2022-23/IND17/CALL-2.** Approximate Estimated Cost: **Rs.42.00 Lakhs.** Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs.0.84 Lakhs.** Period of Complection: **01 month (for supply). 3) Providing e-Challan application and Managing the existing servers, Operations for 5 years and Integration with existing system under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project to Bengaluru City Traffic Police in Bengaluru bearing tender Number KRDCL/2022-23/BT/WORK_INDENT435/CALL-3.** Approximate Estimated Cost: **Rs.228.33 Lakhs.** Earnest Money Deposit: **Rs.3.425 Lakhs.** Period of Complection: **02 months (supply, installation & commissioning).**

Interested bidders can participate through e-procurement portal and documents can be downloaded from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 1)** The last date and time for submission of queries is: **29.12.2022 upto 17.30 hours. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting will be held on **30.12.2022 at 11:30 Hrs.** in the KRDCL Board Room, Bengaluru at the above address. **3)** The Last date and time for submission of bids : **02.01.2023 upto 17:30 Hrs. 4)** Date and time of opening of Technical bids : **04.01.2023 at 11:00 hrs.**

Note: Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through Newspapers and further changes will be updated only on e-procurement portal website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
KRDCL

DIPR/CP/BCPL/3634/2022-23

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugiri. Tumkur Dist-572132, Ph: 08137- 282112
E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com
Sl No: EE:VJNL/YHP/Div-No.4/Madhugiri/NIT-13/2022-23 Dated:20.12.2022

Short term Tender Notification (Through E-procurement system)

On Behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.4, Madhugiri, Karnataka is inviting tenders in Two tender document system on "Item wise tender basis" from Eligible contractor's for the following works through e-Procurement portal.

Name of Work: 01. Construction of Aquaduct from Ch Km.258.810 to Km 259.440 including construction of Causeway CD works, and other structures under yettinahole project YGC Pkg-XXVII. **02.** Construction of gravity canal from Km.259.440 to Km 261.00 comprising of earth work excavation, formation of embankment, CC lining using mechanical paver including construction of CD works, Aquaduct and other structures under yettinahole project YGC Pkg-XXVIII. **03.** Construction of gravity canal from Km.261.00 to Km 261.690 comprising of earth work excavation, formation of embankment , CC lining using mechanical paver including construction of CD works, Cut & Cover and other structures under yettinahole project YGC Pkg-XXIX

The aspirant contractors, can download bid documents and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Details such as amount put to tender, time schedule, EMD amount, class of contractor, tender condition, tender Processing fee, etc may be obtained through e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L, YHP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. Pallavi Manudev Gowda (Aadhar No.627128786132)** w/of Mr.I.H. Manudev Gowda intends to purchase the residential apartment mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from self-acquired owners **Mrs. S. BHARATHI** w/o Mr.K.Sham Sunder **& Mr. K. SHAM SUNDER**, s/o of Mr. C. Krishnamurthy both residing at Flat No G 303, Renaissance Park 1, 26/2, Industrial Suburb, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore, Karnataka-560055. The Owners represents that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and apart from them there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property. The Owners further represents that they have not mortgaged,(except Bajaj Finance Limited) created any lien or encumbered the Schedule Property or part thereof in any manner and they have not entered into any Agreement of Sale / Memorandum of Understanding etc., with any third parties / person/s. Any person/s having objection/s or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims within seven (07) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

Schedule Property

ALL that piece and parcel of **4 BHK** residential Apartment bearing **No. 72605** in **Twenty Sixth Floor** of **Tower No. '7'**, Wing 'G' in **'NIKOO HOMES-I'** forming part of development in "**BHARTIYA CITY**" measuring **3168 Sq. Feet of super built-up** area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with right to use **Two Covered Car Parking** Spaces bearing no.s 49A & 49B in the B1 level having PID No.6/2/281 along with **600.31Sqft Undivided share**, right, title interest and ownership in the land in Municipal Katha No. 6/2 and comprised of Survey Nos. 32/1(p), 32/2, 32/3, 32/4 (p), totally measuring about 66,757 Sq. Mtrs., or 16.499 Acres (less 6675.73 Sq. Mtrs., or 71857.06 Sq. Ft), surrendered to Bangalore Development Authority and situated in Chokkanahalli Village in Muncipal Ward No.5 of Jakkur, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk , and property is bounded by:

East: Duct, apt No. 72604 and Corridor in 26th Floor in T-7 Wing 'G' of Nikoo homes 1: **West**: Open towards Open Space in Tower '7' in Wing 'G' of 'Nikoo homes 1; **North**: Open towards Open Space in Tower '7' in Wing 'G' of Nikoo homes 1; **South:** Open towards Open Space in Tower '7' in Wing 'G' of Nikoo homes 1;

Place: Bangalore
Date: 21/12/2022

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-Procurement Notice No:- CE&BM, TEL - 12/2022-23 : Bid Identification No: CETEL-TID-03/2022-23

The Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on-line **percentage rate tender** through e-procurement in **double cover system.**

**Table - 1: Details of Critical Dates, details of

INBRIEF

Call for removing 26 manned railway level crossings

P.C. Mohan, MP of Bengaluru Central, speaking during the zero hour in Lok Sabha on Monday, appealed to the Ministry of Railways to eliminate 26 manned railway level crossings in Bengaluru city, to ease traffic flow."The Ministry has decided to eradicate manned level crossings across the country. But we still have 26 such crossings in the city, causing traffic jams for several kilometres several times a day. There are such crossings in Banaswadi - Hebbal, Baiyappanahalli line, Hebbal - Yeswanthpur, Channasandra - Yelahanka, Kengeri- KSR and KSR - Yeswanthpur lines. I request the Ministry of Railways to work with the Government of Karnataka and Bengaluru's civic agencies to remove all 26 manual level crossings in the city," he said. He also flagged the issue of bottlenecks in handing over defence land to civic projects.

Cartoon exhibition from December 24 to January 7

The Indian Institute of Cartoonists will present an exhibition of cartoons and caricatures of Iran Khan, political cartoonist, and an interaction with him on December 24. The exhibition will be on till January 7, 2023, and will be open to members of the public between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Sundays closed) at Indian Cartoon Gallery, No. 1, Midford Garden, Trinity Circle, off M.G. Road. For further details, visit www.cartoonistsindia.org

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (December 21, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- A new global biodiversity framework
  bit.ly/biodiversitycop

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access this article. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Post-COVID surge: Bengaluru among top five cities in international passenger traffic

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The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru used to be among the top five in 2019, occupying the fourth spot with a passenger share hovering between 7 % and 7.8%. FILE PHOTO

International air travel is limping back to normalcy at various airports across the world and the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is no different. Ever since the Ministry of Civil Aviation opened up the international airspace in India on March 27, the number of passengers travelling abroad and those flying in has increased significantly.

Bengaluru, which was not among the top five Indian cities in terms of international passengers since the first quarter of 2020 (January-March), has broken into the top five in the third quarter of 2022 (July-September).

According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's analytical report on the quarterly international traffic statistics, Bengaluru occupied the fifth place in the top five Indian cities in terms of international passenger traffic during the third quarter of 2022 with 6.5% passenger share.

Delhi, followed by Mumbai and Chennai, occupied the top three positions, while Kochi was in the fourth spot.

The last time Bengaluru was in the top five bracket was in the first quarter of 2020 with a passenger share of 6.7%, and that was before COVID. India shut its airspace on March 23, 2020, due to the pandemic. Bengaluru used to be among the top five in 2019, occupying the fourth spot with a passenger share hovering between 7 % and 7.8%. Airport officials said while the domestic sector has fully recovered, international is yet to catch up to the pre-COVID levels.

"Out of the 29 Indian cities from where international passengers embark/disembark, five Indian cities accounted for most (approximately 69.1%) of the international passenger traffic. Delhi tops the position in this category with a share of 27.3%, followed by Mumbai (18.4% share) and Chennai (9% share). Domestic and foreign carriers connect India to 50 countries through 307 routes," states the DGCA report.

It added that the maximum international passengers were carried on the Dubai-Mumbai sector, followed by Dubai-Delhi. From KIA, maximum international passengers travelled on the Dubai-Bengaluru sector.

16 flights delayed at KIA

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Dense fog on Tuesday morning resulted in 16 flights being delayed.

"As a result of the fog on December 20, the departure of 16 flights was delayed at Kempegowda International Airport by an average of 20 minutes. All of these were departure flights in the morning between 5.07 a.m. and 6.40 a.m.," said an BIAL spokesperson. Only domestic flights were delayed and there were no delay in arrival flights and there were no diversions as well.

Golden Chariot introduces special offers

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BENGALURU

One of the thematically designed cabins of the Golden Chariot.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Back in a new avatar after a hiatus, the Golden Chariot – South India's only luxury train – is beckoning tourists. With the holiday season approaching, new offers have been introduced for tourists, which includes a complimentary one way/return flight ticket to Bengaluru or Goa (domestic/pan India). The other offers include 10% discount on the published tariff, and one night's stay at a hotel in Bengaluru or Goa one night before departure.

Tourists will also be allowed to break journey on the departures of six night/seven-day tours. These offers are valid for the tours of the season 2022- 23, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) said.

An official also said that IRCTC is hopeful of getting more foreign as well as domestic bookings in the upcoming year.

Holiday season

The Golden Chariot's first trip after its comeback, which was flagged off on November 20, ran on a 46% occupancy, according to IRCTC officials.

As foreign tourists have started coming back to the country again, the Golden Chariot carried people of Australian, Swiss, Russian, and United Kingdom nationalities along with domestic travellers.

With a capacity of 80 seats, around 60 bookings are usually accepted to onboard the train as the rest will be reserved for staff.

The luxury train has 14 compartments out of which 12 have been named after the royal dynasties which ruled Karnataka. While the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) was previously running the train, now it has been leased out to the IRCTC.

The tourists have four tour options to select from for their journeys.

Mantri Serenity first stalled realty project to be completed with government funds

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Mantri Serenity on Kanakapura Road, where booking began in 2012 but the project was stalled in 2018 due to lack of funds, has emerged as the first realty project in Bengaluru to be completed using funding from the SWAMIH Investment Fund, a special scheme by the Union government to ensure completion of stalled housing projects.

The project received funding from SWAMIH Investment Fund in October 2020, the quantum of which is undisclosed. Recently, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) issued Occupancy Certificate (OC) for towers 4 and 5 that have 1,240 apartments, including 100 reserved for Economically Weaker Sections. Work is almost complete in towers 1 and 3, and are expected to get OCs by the BDA, sources said. Santosh Patil, one of the relieved homebuyers in Mantri Serenity, paid ₹1 crore for an apartment in 2016, and had been facing a double whammy of house rent and EMIs on the home loan ever since. "The SWAMIH fund made our dream of a home a reality, without which we don't think the project would have ever been completed," he said. Though Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA-K) has ordered the developer to pay interest for the intervening period of delay, its order is yet to be implemented, said Mr. Patil. "RERA-K has mostly been ineffective in implementing its orders, thereby providing little relief to home-buyers," he said. Bengaluru South MP Tejaswi Surya had intervened on behalf of homebuyers and had appealed to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to provide funding through SWAMIH Investment Fund. A project by Ozone Group in Whitefield has also received an undisclosed amount as funding from SWAMIH Investment Fund. The fund is a special scheme of the Centre supported by SBICAP Ventures, an alternative asset manager that recovers the funding to the stalled project through the sale of apartments.

Tight security in CBD area for New Year's Eve celebrations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The City Police Commissioner has issued a set of guidelines for the jurisdictional DCPs to ensure peaceful New Year's Eve celebrations.

In a circular issued on Monday, C.H. Pratap Reddy instructed the DCPs to take strict measures to step up vigil.

No parking zones

The police have been told to put up checkpoints, and conduct random inspection of vehicles and ensure no parking in the CBD areas.

There will be intensified patrolling in CBD areas, and police would take strict action against eve teasers.

Police have been asked to be in touch with Bescom officials to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the areas where there are gatherings.

They have been asked to ban vehicle movement on flyovers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client/s intend to buy the below mentioned Schedule property from **Sri. DHARANESHA M. HALLIYUR, S/o. Sri. M.E. Mahesh.** If any person/s or Institution, Authority etc., have got any objections or claiming any right, title and interest of what so ever nature on the Schedule Property, are hereby required to communicate the same along with all supporting documents to me at my Office within **(10) TEN days** from this day. Otherwise, the Sale transaction shall be completed without any further reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Vacant Residential Site bearing No.58/9, carved out of converted land bearing Sy.No.110/4, (Converted vide order of the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bengaluru, bearing No.B.Dis: ALN(E)VB: SR:114/2004-2005), Situated at Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, in the layout known as "RELIAABLE LAKEDEW RESIDENCY", Presently having BBMP Khatha No.357/58/9, Ward No.150-Bellandur, measuring East to West 70'-00" feet and North to South 40'-00" feet, totally measuring about 2800 Sq.feet,** and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Site No.43 and 45
North by : Site No.58/8
South by : Site No.59

Mr. B.T. PRASANNA KUMAR, B.Sc.,L.L.B.,
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3 Weekend Online Training Program on
Government Certified Professional Course on
Certified ISO 14001:2015 LEAD AUDITOR (EMS)
Date : 7th, 8th, 21st, 22nd & 28th Jan. 2023 Time : 10.00 a.m. to 5.00. p.m.
Contents : Explain the purpose of an Environmental Management Systems of Environmental Management System Standard of Management System Audit, of Third – Party Certification and the Business Benefits of Improved Performance of Environmental Management System Explain the role of an EMS Auditor to Plan, Conduct, Report & follow up an Environmental Management System Audit in Accordance with ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021, as relevant Plan, Conduct, Report and follow-up an Audit of an Environmental Management System to Establish Conformity (or otherwise) with ISO 14001:2015, Covers 18 hands-on Exercises Including Simulated Role-Play.
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FORM NO. 22
[See Regulation – 37(1)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES (BANKING DIVISION)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II
4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru – 560 001

SALE PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 48 TO 51 AND 52[2] OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993

TRC No. 166/2018 in OA No. 1198/2013

BETWEEN : Punjab National Bank (erstwhile United Bank of India)
VS
M/S Kinfotech Private Limited & Ors

To, 1. M/s Kinfotech Private Limited, #2/10, Ajay Plaza, 1st Main, NS Palya, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru – 560076.
2. Mr D Ravikumar s/o Doraiswamy K, No. E-1201, Mantri Elegance Apartments, NS Palya, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru – 560076.
3. Mr Prabhakar Kini, #B-202, Mantri Gardens, Mountain Road, Bengaluru – 560076.

Whereas you have failed to pay the sum of **Rs. 31,97,77,294.54/- (Rupees Thirty-One Crores Ninety-Seven Lakhs Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Four and Fifty-Four paise)** payable by you in respect of **Recovery Certificate No. TRC No. 166/2018 IN O.A. NO. 1198/2013** by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore and the interest and costs as per certificate. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Certificates.

And whereas there will be due there under a sum of **Rs. 31,97,77,294.54/-** plus further interest, costs and charges as on 15/10/2013 along with future interest till realization. (Note Any recovery/amount paid in respect of the loan, dues lying with DRT Bangalore or with the Certificate Holder Bank, which are recovered by other modes of recovery, shall be adjusted to the loan dues at the time of closure of the Case).

Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold on **24 January 2023 between 11.00 AM to 11.30 AM** by e auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website: **http://drt.auctiontiger.net M/s e-Procurement Technologies Ltd, (Auction Tiger) Ahmedabad [Contact No. 9722778828 or 079-6813-6841, / 55 / 51 or 079-6813-6800 Email Id Karnataka@auctiontiger.net, praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net].** Contact person- **Mr Praveen Kumar Thevar – 9722778828.**

For further details contact **Mr. S R Madhukar,** Assistant General Manager, Punjab National Bank, SASTRA centre Bangalore east Circle No.26-27 MG Road Raheja towers 1st floor Bangalore-560001 for ascertaining the details of the property and also for inspection of property, **contact Mobile: 9632788227.**

The sale will be of the property of the defendant No. 1 above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

The property will be put up for the sale in a single lot specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the reminder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said Certificate, interest costs [including cost of the sale] are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in second schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions.

The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

1. The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is **Rs. 21,00,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Crores Only).**
2. The amount by which the biddings in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be at discretion of the undersigned to decline/ accept the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.
4. Ten percent EMD shall be deposited by the proposed bidder through RTGS/NEFT/directly into the Indian Bank Account No.6735242318, B/o Richmond Circle, Bangalore through IFSC CODE IDIB000R018 or by way of DD favoring Recovery officer-1, DRT-2 payable at Bangalore in the account of "Punjab National Bank RC No. 166/2018". The intending bidders should submit the bid form duly filled along with copy of PAN Card, Address Proof and Identity Proof, Email Id, Mobile no. and in case of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company and the receipt/ counter file of such deposit/Demand Draft towards EMD in a sealed cover **by 3.00 PM on 20th January 2023** to Recovery Officer 1 DRT 2 Bangalore. The sealed cover should be superscribed with "Bid Form for participating in e auction sale in TRC No 166/2018", Bid form may be collected from the Bank's office or the office of DRT. EMD deposited thereafter shall not be considered for participation in the e auction.
5. **The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds after adjustment of EMD on being knocked down by next date by 3.00 pm** in the said account as per detail mentioned in para 4 above. If the next day is holiday or Sunday, then on next first office working day.
6. The purchaser shall deposit the balance **75% of the sale proceeds on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the property,** exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day by prescribed mode as stated in para 4 above. In addition to the above the purchaser shall also deposit poundage fee with Recovery Officer 2 DRT 2 Bangalore @2% upto Rs.1000 and 1% on amounts above Rs.1000/- online through www.bharatkosh.gov.in by selecting the following:

Ministry -> Department of Financial services -> Functional head -> service fees PAO code 006701, PAO, DFS, Nagpur and DDO code 208095, SO/DRT2 Bangalore.

A copy of the receipt is to be filed before this Authority for record purpose.

7. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.
8. The prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the bank and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other Revenue/Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the title and encumbrance, if any over the property.

The property is being sold on "**AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHATEVER IS BASIS**".

No. of lots	1
Description of the properties to be sold with names of owners where the properties belonging to defaulter any other person as co-owners	Scheduled Property standing in the name of CD No. 1 M/s Kinfotech Private Limited
Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Rs. 2 lakhs (estimated) as per the Bank.
Details of any of the encumbrance to which the property is liable	Nil as per EC submitted by the Bank
Claims, if any which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value	Nil
Reserve Price	Rs. 21,00,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Crores only)
EMD	Rs. 2,10,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Ten Lakhs only)

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : All that part and parcel of land bearing Survey No. 110 situated at Doddathogur village, Begur Hobli, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru – 560100, bounded on **East:** Survey No. 112 and Land and Binary Spectrum Softech Private Limited, **West:** Road, **North:** Road and Lake, **South:** Private Property, Totally measuring 2 Acres 34 Guntas covered thereby comprising all lands and buildings, structures, erections, fixtures and fitting thereon and therein and all rights and appurtenances both present and future.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

E-AUCTION SCHEDULE

Date and time of E-Auction	24 January 2023 between 11.00 AM and 11.30 AM
Last date and time for submission of bids/ tender submission/EMD	20 January 2023 before 15.00 Hours
Reserve Price	Rs. 21,00,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Crores only)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 2,10,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Ten Lakhs only)
Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only)

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **20th of December 2022.**

Sd/-
Recovery Officer I
Debts Recovery Tribunal – II, Bengaluru

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Balancing act: Steam rises from the chimneys of Gazprom Neft's oil refinery in Omsk, Russia on November 18. REUTERS

How the great gamble on the price cap on Russian oil might just fumble

Restricting the price at which Russia can sell its oil will inevitably affect the country's incentive to pump oil into the market. The West's attempt to cut Russia's oil revenues without drastically affecting global oil supplies may be too fine a balancing act in the long run

Prashanth Perumal

The Group of Seven (G7) countries, the European Union and Australia have imposed a price cap on Russian sea-borne oil to make it harder for Russia to fund its war against Ukraine. Under the plan, which took effect on December 5, western companies that dominate the global oil shipping and insurance business will be banned from offering their services to ship or insure Russian oil that is purchased at more than $60 per barrel. The price cap is an attempt by the West to cut Russia's oil revenues without affecting oil supplies.

It should be noted that since the beginning of the Russia-Ukraine war, the West has been trying to limit Russia's energy revenues. At the same time, since Russia is a major oil producer that contributes more than 10% of overall global supplies, the West has been wary of imposing sanctions that could cause oil supply from Russia to fall steeply and send oil prices shooting up. In fact, it is estimated that crude oil prices could rise to as much as $200 per barrel if oil supply from Russia were to be disrupted by western sanctions.

Noted economists such as Janet Yellen, currently U.S. Treasury Secretary, and Mario Draghi, till recently Prime Minister of Italy, have been at the forefront of pushing the idea of a price cap, which they believe will limit Kremlin's oil revenues without affecting global oil supplies. Even though the West has cut down its purchase of Russian oil this year, Russia has been able to sell its oil to India and China to keep its energy revenues buoyant.

The price cap could be seen as an attempt by the West to make buyers of Russian oil pay less for the oil they purchase, thus preventing the Kremlin from profiting too much from its oil sales. Russia has already had to sell its oil at discounted rates, which the West sees as a partial success in its efforts to choke Kremlin's revenues by refusing to purchase Russian oil. It is estimated that Russia, with a cost of production of somewhere between $20 and $45 per barrel, will earn a small profit on its oil sales.

At the moment, Russian oil is trading at a price that is below the cap of $60 per barrel imposed by the West. However, the average price of Russian Urals over the last 10 years has been about $75 per barrel. So, while the price cap of $60 per barrel is unlikely to adversely affect the supply of Russian oil or Moscow's revenue in the short run, it is likely to have adverse effects in the longer run. When the market price of Urals rises above $60, this would increase the chances of violation of the price cap by traders. The higher the market price when compared to the price cap, the higher also will be the incentive for traders to bypass the price cap and sell Russian oil at a price higher than $60 per barrel to willing buyers. This would, in effect, undermine the West's efforts to prevent Russia from earning the market price on its oil. But even if the West somehow manages to effectively implement the $60 per barrel price cap, it cannot really hope to restrict Russia's revenues through a price cap without also affecting oil supplies adversely at the same time.

Question of incentives

Restricting the price at which Russia can sell its oil will inevitably affect the country's incentive to pump oil into the market. Economists backing the price cap believe that Russia would continue exporting oil as long as the price cap is above Russia's cost of producing a barrel of oil. In particular, Russia kept up its oil production even during the COVID-19 pandemic when oil prices fell below $20 per barrel. But expecting Russia to behave the same way in the future with price caps limiting its revenues may be unrealistic. It could well be that Russia expected the fall in oil demand during the pandemic to be a temporary blip; in such a scenario, it may have been more cost-effective to keep oil wells operating instead of shutting them down to reopen them later. If price caps persist over the long run, however, this is bound to affect Russia's incentive to keep its oil wells open.

It should also be remembered that in the long run production decisions are based not merely on the cost of production but also on the potential rate of return from other investments. If investments in oil do not offer returns at least equal to or better than other sectors, Russia may well decide to cut its oil investments, and this would affect supplies adversely. Such a tendency was obvious when oil prices dropped by about 70% from mid-2014 to early 2016, pushing West Asian oil producers such as Saudi Arabia to look at diversifying their economies away from the oil industry. The West would do well to keep these factors in mind when it imposes price caps in the belief they would have no adverse effect on oil supplies.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz based on facts and trivia from the recently concluded 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Name the Spanish teenager who, at 18 years and 110 days, became the youngest player to score (against Costa Rica) at the World Cup since Pelé for Brazil against Sweden in the 1958 final (17y 249d).

QUESTION 2
Apart from the glory of being the World champion for the third time, how much did Argentina get as prize money for its triumph?

QUESTION 3
Who became the first player to score in five different editions of the World Cup (2006 to 2022) by finding the net against Ghana?

QUESTION 4
Which team earned the dubious distinction of being eliminated from the quarterfinal stages of the World Cup for the seventh time, more than any other side in the history of the competition?

QUESTION 5
Croatia winning against Morocco meant that European sides have won the last 11 third-place play-off matches at the World Cup. Which team finished third in 1978?

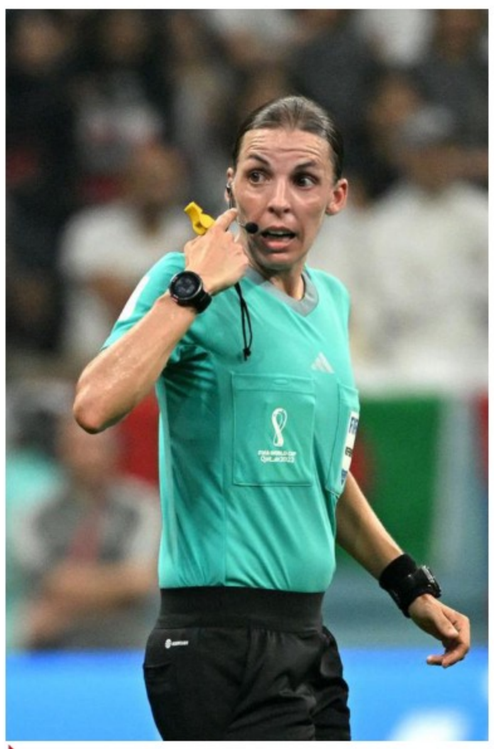
QUESTION 6
Who did Kylian Mbappe emulate by scoring a hat-trick in the summit clash?

QUESTION 7
By making his 26th appearance in a World Cup match while playing in the final, Messi became the record holder for most games played at the mega event overtaking which World Cup-winning captain?

QUESTION 8
Excluding extra time, which match was played over 117 minutes and 16 seconds, the longest game in World Cup history?

QUESTION 9
Who completes the list: Vittorio Pozzo (1934, 1938), Carlos Bilardo (1986, 1990), Franz Beckenbauer (1986, 1990)?

QUESTION 10
Every World Cup finale match since 1982 has featured at least one player from two famed European clubs. Name both.



Visual question:
Identify this official who became the first woman to officiate a men's World Cup match when Germany played Costa Rica on December 1. AFP

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. In the 87th minute of a Champions League semi-final, FC Barcelona's Messi was with the ball in a deep position, close to the half-way line. He passed it to Sergio Busquets who held it for a second and then nudged it to Messi, who scored against this club. **Ans: Real Madrid**

2. In a Barca versus Real Madrid match in the 2016-17 season, during the 92nd minute, this player went on a diagonal dash with the ball, going past the half-way line. From there he passed it to Andre Gomes who passed it to Jordi Alba who then squared the ball to an on-rushing Messi who scored. **Ans: Sergi Roberto**

3. For scoring a goal in 2007 against this team in the La Liga, Messi went past six defenders and the goal-keeper in a solo run that began just beyond the half-way line. **Ans: Getafe**

4. Messi scored during the 83rd minute of a game that was poised at 3-3 between Argentina and this team. **Ans: Brazil**

5. *ESPN Sports Science* has a detailed video on this incredible goal by Messi against this team in the 20th minute of the Copa Del Rey final in 2015. **Ans: Athletic Bilbao**

Visual: This moment captures Messi coming up with an exquisite chip over this goalkeeper. **Ans: Manuel Almunia of Arsenal**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Several readers want to know the difference between 'He is gone' and 'He has gone'"

" 'He is gone' denotes a state and not an activity. It refers to the absence of something or somebody.

By the time I came down, she was gone.

When we want to convey that something or somebody has disappeared or is no longer there, we use 'is gone'.

My book is gone.
My watch is gone.
Is the coffee all gone?
They were all gone when I came back.

'He has gone' means that he has moved out in some direction or to some destination. You are aware of some of the activities relating to his going. You can say:

He has gone out of the room.
He has gone home.
They have gone to the temple.

You can't say 'He is gone to the temple'."

"Mr. P.C. Menon of Alleppey wants to know the difference between 'curiosity' and 'inquisitiveness'."

"A curious person is one who is interested in finding out why things are happening the way they are happening. Children are generally curious. Curiosity is marked by an eagerness to learn. 'Inquisitiveness' is marked by unhealthy curiosity. An inquisitive person generally asks inconvenient questions about things that really don't concern him. Curiosity is natural to all. Inquisitiveness is specific to some."

"Mr. A. Brito of Bangalore wants to know how 'chagrin' is pronounced."

"The 'a' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'man' and 'fan'. The 'i' is pronounced like the 'i' in 'pin' and tin', 'ch' is pronounced like the 'sh' in 'shave' and 'shape'. The stress is on the first syllable. There is also another acceptable pronunciation. The 'a' is pronounced like 'a' in 'China' and the 'i' like the 'ea' in 'seal' and 'heal'. The word is pronounced 'shagreen'. The stress in this is on the second syllable 'green'. You choose the pronunciation you like. 'Chagrin' is used both as a noun and as a verb. As a noun, it means 'mental distress' caused by disappointment, humiliation or failure'. As a verb, it means 'to vex acutely through disappointment, humiliation or failure'.

Much to his chagrin, he failed in the examination.

I managed to conceal my chagrin.

He was chagrined at being ridiculed by them.

As a verb, it is generally used in the passive. You never say 'I chagrined him'. But you can say 'He was chagrined at my remarks'."

Word of the day

Profligate:
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Usage:
You should stop your profligate spending habits and learn how to save money.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/profligatepro

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Remove all storm-water drain encroachments: BBMP Chief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner held a meeting with the officials of various zones on Tuesday to discuss encroachments on storm-water drains (SWD) in the city.

He directed officials to conduct a survey of the storm-water drain encroachments and issue notices to the people concerned.

"BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, in the meeting, has directed all the tahsildars in the city to conduct the survey of illegal encroachments and take action soon," the civic body said in a release.

According to BBMP, in 2015-16, it had identified 2,671 encroachments, and so far 2,073 have been removed.

In the release, BBMP said that removal of 595 encroachments is pending. Cases are going on in courts over 67 encroachments.

Former driver among three held in double murder case

The accused along with his accomplice killed the security guard and domestic help of the house to rob cash, valuables from the vault

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Koramangala police, in a span of 48 hours, said they have cracked the double murder case and arrested three persons, including the former driver of the house owner, for allegedly killing the security guard and domestic help to rob valuables in Koramangala 6th stage.

The murder came to light when the house owner Gopala Reddy, a civil contractor by profession, and his family returned from Ananthpur in Andhra Pradesh, where they had gone to attend the marriage of their relative on Monday.

Domestic worker Kariyappa, 55, and security guard Dil Bahadur, 54, were found dead on Sunday – with one of the bodies being found in the house on Monday morning by a cook and the second in a water sump. The accused had disconnected the CCTV and taken away cash and valuables from the vault of the house.

Jagadisha, main accused.

Kiran, accomplice of the accused.

Known to family

The police, led by DCP, South East, C.K. Baba, suspected that someone who knew the family and the locations inside the house might have committed the crime. The police verified the CCTV footage and tower dumps and also questioned the driver of Reddy and found that he had shared information about the family going out of town.

Based on the tip-off, the police tracked down Jagadisha and arrested him from Kunigal, where he was hiding. According to the police, Jagadisha was sacked from the job two and half months ago after Reddy found him misusing the expensive car he was driving for the family.

When he did not mend his ways despite repeated warnings, Reddy sacked him, and replaced him with a new driver. Jagadisha, who knew about the in and out of the house, kept in touch with the new driver, and used to get information.

Hatched a plan

After getting to know that the family was out of town, Jagadisha roped in his associate Kiran and his brother Abhishek and hatched a plan. The accused came to the house on the fateful day and jumped the compound from the backside to gain entry.

They waited outside the house, and when Kariappa came to the backside, they pounced on him, strangulated him to death and carried his body inside the house before attacking the security guard and dumping his body in the sump. The trio escaped in an autorickshaw along with the booty.

City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy appreciated the police for cracking the case in record time and recovering the valuables.

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Woman kills minor daughter, attempts suicide

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Dejected over the ill health of her only daughter, a garment factory employee allegedly strangled her 10-year-old daughter to death before attempting to end her own life in Prasanna Layout in Byadarahalli on Tuesday morning.

A neighbour who noticed the accused Suma trying to hang herself raised alarm and with the help of others, broke open the door and rescued her.

The duo was rushed to the hospital where the doctors declared Priyanka as brought dead, while Suma is said to be critical and being reviewed in ICU, a police officer said.

According to the police , Suma was working in a garment factory after the death of her husband one and half years ago to take care of her only daughter. She was staying close to her sister's house.

Probe revealed that Priyanka was suffering from brittle bone problem and had fractures multiple times.

Recently, she had a fall and fractured her bone and underwent a corrective surgery.

Suma, who spent a lot of money for the treatment, was depressed thinking of her future and could have taken the extreme step due to this, the police said.

The police have booked a case of murder and are waiting for the recovery of Suma to question her.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya sahaya vani ph. 104 for help)

Convict turns quack; arrested after 15 years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Madiwala police have arrested a life term convict who was on the run for 15 years and had settled down in Beltangadi practising as an 'ayurvedic doctor'.

A team led by PSI Kishore B.T. pursued the case and tracked down the accused Suhail, who had changed his name to Mohammed Ayaz and had been treating people for various aliments.

According to the police, Suhail, 43, and his associates were involved in a murder of an ex-defence personnel who was driving a truck from Pune in Madiwala in 2000 to rob valuables. Later, he fell out of the gang over a fight and got arrested. Suhail was convicted for life along with his associates in 2004. During his stay in prison, he won many tittles for playing chess blindfolded and had won many competitions. Making use of this, he obtained one month of parole to take care of his ailing mother and escaped. He went to Beltangadi and using his quack skills, started practising Ayurvedic medicine and settled down there after changing his name.

Four held for peddling drugs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The DJ Halli police cracked down an inter-State drug racket and arrested four people, including two Nigerian nationals, in separate cases and recovered 6 kg of charas and 1.1 kg of MDMA worth ₹2.7 crore.

The accused was sourcing the charas from their contact in Nepal and Kerala and the two Nigerians had sourced MDMA powder from contacts in neighbouring States, said police.

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A year when several controversies rocked the Police Department

The highlight was the scam that swept through the law enforcement agencies in August. A senior IPS officer, heading the recruitment department, was arrested in the case of what is commonly known now as the PSI recruitment scam

REWIND 2022

Imran Gowhar
BENGALURU

A file photo of candidates protesting at Freedom Park in August, after alleged malpractices in the Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment examination.

A policeman kicking a woman and dragging her by the hair is not something one would forget in a hurry. Thousands of citizens watched this video in horror – on January 29 this year, when a traffic ASI attached to the Halasuru gate traffic station was caught on camera kicking a woman in the stomach and dragging her by the hair in the street. He accused her of pelting stones at the police vehicle.

The year gone by is going to be remembered by the Karnataka police for many wrong reasons. In this incident, the woman was later arrested on charges of attacking policemen. She turned out to be the attendant of an illegal parking lot. When policemen came to tow away the vehicles that she was guarding, she vented her ire by pelting stones at them. In response to this, the ASI kicked her and dragged her by her hair. The video of his assault went viral, and caused a huge public outcry. The accused officer was suspended.

Close on the heels of this incident came another video on social media. The video showed the towing vehicle staff carrying away a seized bike while the bike owner was running haplessly behind the vehicle, asking them to return his vehicle.

Once again, there was huge outcry on social media. Police were flooded with angry messages. People questioned the audacity and brutality of the police and the towing system, and alleged the police of corruption, which led the government to suspend the towing system till date.

After these two incidents, traffic related problems, including complaints about corruption among officials and bad traffic management, had dogged the police and the State government.

The government was forced to review the traffic situation, and create a post of special commissioner for traffic management - to rehaul the traffic management system and also to repair the image of the government and the police.

While the traffic police were still striving to build a friendlier image and gain public trust, news of a scam swept through law enforcement agencies in August, again bringing discredit to the department.

A senior IPS officer, heading the recruitment department, was arrested in the case of what is commonly known now as the PSI recruitment scam.

The police have now arrested more than 50 people, including Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Amrit Paul, BJP leader and Jnana Jyothi English Medium School head Divya Hagaragi, Congress block president Mahanthesh D. Patil, his brother Rudragouda Patil, Afzalpur Congress MLA's gunman Hayyali Desai, Manjunath Melakundi, an assistant engineer, several police officials, and many candidates who topped the list of successful candidates.

Amrit Paul, who is in judicial custody and yet to get bail, had allegedly received crores of rupees through his staff to manipulate OMR answer sheets from the strong room of the CID headquarters. The CID are investigating the scam and have arrested over 120 people, including many serving police personnel for their involvement.

There was further embarasment as four policemen were suspended following allegations of harassment and extortion in December.

Even as these controversies rocked the department, the State police have tried to retain their reputation as the best force in the country. They cracked many sensational cases in record time, and even filed charge-sheets within nine days. The police have also brought in innovations such as Mobile-Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (M-CCTNS). They also revamped the beat system – bringing many advances in night beats and crime investigation systems.

Some crime stories that made headlines

November 2022: A 22-year old woman was allegedly raped by a bike taxi driver and his friend, when she had hired the service to get dropped at a friend's place.

November 2022: The Halasuru gate police arrested as many as 14 people including four officials of the BBMP or their involvement in voters data theft racket. The BBMP officials allegedly entrusted the project to Chilume Trust for election related survey, which eventually misused the data for personal gain.

November 2022: A 46-year-old suspended inspector died of cardiac arrest in a private hospital. This led a social activist to file a complaint with the Bangalore City Police Commissioner against Home Minister Araga Jnanendra and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj, alleging them of harassing the inspector.

June 2022: Bollywood actor Siddhanth Kapoor and four others were arrested for taking drugs at a party in a five-star hotel. Siddhanth, son of Shakti Kapoor and elder brother of actor Shraddha Kapoor, was detained by the Halasuru police.

May 2022: Nagesh Babu threw acid on a 25-year-old girl at her workplace for refusing his proposal. He was on the run for 16 days. The Kamakshipalya police arrested him from an ashram in Tamil Nadu, where he had joined a programme. The victim had suffered 30% burns and is recovering at a hospital.

Citizens can report potholes on 'Fix My Street' app from Jan. 1

Once complaint is ratified by a civic official, the app will automatically generate a work order to fill them. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The public can report potholes on the city streets to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on the 'FixMyStreet' mobile application, which will be thrown open from January 1, 2023. Once ratified by a civic official, the app will automatically generate a work order to fill them.

The app was not working properly earlier due to technical glitches, which are being fixed, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said on Tuesday. "Starting from January 1, 2023, we will update the app and then people can directly complain about potholes on the FixMyStreet application," he added.

"Once people starts sending the complaint regarding potholes on the app, it will have to be certified by the jurisdictional assistant engineer. Once certified, the work order gets generated automatically. In the case of major roads, it will go to the 'Python' contractor who has been entrusted with the maintenance of 182 km of arterial and sub-arterial roads. In case of other stretches, the work order will get sent to the hot mix plant," said a BBMP official.

"There are some technical glitches which are being fixed by the officials. The mobile app was launched in 2017 for the general public. However, it was closed to the public in 2019 due to technical issues," the official added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Giri Nath said that the potholes on major roads will be filled by the end of this month. He said that officials have been directed to close all the potholes and also to coordinate with the other agencies to repair the road cutting done by them.

Teacher who went absconding after killing boy and assaulting his mother arrested

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The teacher, who beat up a 10-year old boy to death, attacked the boy's mother, a teacher, and another teacher at Hadli village in Nargund taluk of Gadag district on Monday, has been arrested.

Superintendent of Police of Gadag Shivaprakash Devaraju told presspersons on Tuesday the 35-year-old accused, Muttappa Hadagali, a native of Hadli village, admitted that he had come on Monday with a plan to attack the teacher, Geeta Baraker, and all those related to her.

The accused said he had had a relationship with Geeta Baraker. Mr. Devaraju said *prima facie*, it appears they were in some kind of relationship for the last four or five months as their WhatsApp chats have revealed.

Mr. Devaraju said differences cropped up between them after a school excursion a month ago, during which Geeta Baraker reportedly moved closely with Sanganagouda Patil, a permanent teacher in the same school. Mr. Patil, who too was attacked by the accused, is getting treatment in a Nargund hospital. On Monday, the accused first dragged Bharat, a class IV student, out of the classroom, beat him up, and threw him down from the first floor, attacked the boy's mother Geeta Baraker with an iron rod and then, attacked Mr. Sanganagouda Patil before escaping from the scene, the SP said.

Minister visits

Minister for Primary and Secondary Education B.C. Nagesh on Tuesday visited KIMS Hospital in Hubballi to inquire about the health of the injured teacher Geeta Baraker, who is now kept under observation in the intensive care unit. After consoling her family members, Mr. Nagesh sought details on her health from KIMS Director Ramalingappa Antaratani and other doctors.

3-day conference at R.V. College from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The R.V. College of Engineering will organise the three-day 6th International Conference on Computation Systems and Information Technology for Sustainable Solutions from December 21 with pre-tutorial sessions.

According to a release from the college, the conference consists of three tracks.

Dr. Devesh Dwivedi, India site leader, IP Development and Design CoE, GlobalFoundries, will be the chief guest at the inaugural event of the three-day 6th conference on December 22 which will be held on the premises of R.V. College of Engineering, on Mysore Road, from 9.30 a.m. onwards.

MP urges Centre to develop 'Crafts Village' near Mysuru Expressway

The Hindu Bureau
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Channapatna, the 'land of toys', is famous for its hand-crafted wooden toys and handicrafts, and Bidadi, Ramanagaram and Maddur are popular for their local cuisines. FILE PHOTO

Lahar Singh Siroya, BJP Rajya Sabha member, from Karnataka, on Monday raised concerns of the Channapatna toy industry and its artisans, and urged the Centre to develop a 'Crafts Village' on the lines of 'Delhi Haat' on the upcoming Bengaluru - Mysuru ten-lane expressway.

"Such a 'Crafts Village' will not only provide a market for the local economy, protect the livelihood of artisans and small businesses which will be impacted by the new expressway, but also showcase the rich heritage and culture of Mysuru region. With several bypasses and flyovers along the expressway, travellers will skip towns like Channapatna, the 'land of toys' which is famous for its hand-crafted wooden toys and handicrafts, and Bidadi, Ramanagaram and Maddur are popular for their local cuisines," he said. Mr. Siroya also wrote a letter in this regard to Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari. In a tweet, he said that he had offered to coordinate with the ministry, Karnataka government and local elected representatives to ensure the idea of 'Crafts Village' becomes a reality.

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No.: 37/2022-23 Date: 17.12.2022

Tender Notification

Item-rate tenders, for the work in Nelamangala, Doddaballapura, Anekal, North and South Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-Procurement procedure.Tender Notification are Published for 22 works (Rs. 6.00 to 80.00 Lakhs). Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in e-Procurement portal.

Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

For Sl.No-01

1. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **17.12.2022 onwards.**
2. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or **before 16:00 hours on dated: 02.01.2023**
3. The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **03.01.2023 at 16.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For Sl No. 02 to 22

1. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **17.12.2022 onwards.**
2. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or **before 16:00 hours on dated: 26.12.2022.**
3. The opening of tenders through e-Procurement portal on dated **27.12.2022 at 11.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details contact this office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer

DIPR/DD-CP/3625/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
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TNIAM PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(One-Envelope Bidding Process without e-Procurement)
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
Bid Invitation No.:06/2022-2023/VBC/CUDDALORE / DATED : 20.12.2022

1. The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the TamilNadu Irrigated Agriculture Modrenisation Project Phase – IV and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward eligible payments under the contract for construction of work as detailed below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through national open competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016_Revised August 2018", ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
3. Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamilnadu Under class I (State level) or other State Governments/Government of India or State/Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders.
4. The **Water Resources Department, Government of Tamilnadu, For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Vellar Basin Circle, Cuddalore-607001, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu** now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of work detailed below in the table. Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address given below during office hours. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15 of the "Procurement Regulations" setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
5. The bidding document may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders from the office of **The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Vellar Basin Circle, Cuddalore-607001, Cuddalore District Tamil Nadu** from **22.12.2022** to **23.01.2023** upon payment of a non-refundable fee (three sets) as indicated in the table below, in the form of Demand Draft (DD) on any Scheduled/Nationalized bank payable at **Vridhachalam and Chidambaram** favour of the Executive Engineer, WRD, Vellar Basin Division, Vridhachalam – Sl. No.1, the Executive Engineer, WRD, Coleroon Basin Division, Chidambaram - Sl. No.2. Bidding document requested by mail will be dispatched by courier/speed post on payment of an extra amount of **Rs.500/-.The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Vellar Basin Circle, Cuddalore-607001, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu** will not be held responsible for the postal delay if any, in the delivery of the documents or non-receipt of the same. ***The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website :*** **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** at free of cost. In such cases, the bidder is responsible for ensuring that any addenda on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.
6. Bids must be delivered to **The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Vellar Basin Circle, Cuddalore - 607001, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu** on or before Sl. No. 1 & 2 - **12.00 Noon** on **24.01.2023** and will be publicly opened on the same day at Sl. No.1 - **12.30 PM** and Sl. No.2 - **1.00** PM, in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Late Bids will be rejected.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, WRD, Vellar Basin Division, Vridhachalam – Sl. No.1, and the Executive Engineer, WRD, Coleroon Basin Division, Chidambaram - Sl. No. 2. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.
8. A pre-bid meeting will be held on **06.01.2023** at **11.00** AM at the office of **The Superintending Engineer, WRD., Vellar Basin Circle, Cuddalore-607001, Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu** to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to obtain the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding document.
10. The address for communication is as under:

a) Name & Designation of Officer : **Er.R.Baskar,** B.E., Superintending Engineer
b) Official Address : Vellar Basin Circle, Cuddalore
c) Email : sewrdcud@gmail.com
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TABLE

Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs.in Lakhs) Including GST	Bid security (Rs.in Lakhs)	Cost of document (Rs.)	Sale of bid document	Last date of receipt of Bid and opening Date	Period of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	01/TN IAMP/ WRD/ LVR/ Works/ Phase IV/ 2021-22	Rehabilitation and Modernisation of 5 Tanks, 1 Anicut and its Supply Channel in Mangalore Block of Thittakudi Taluk, 4 Tanks and its supply channel in Mangalore Block of Veppur Taluk, 1 Tank, 1 Anicut and its Supply Channel in Nallur Block of Veppur Taluk, 1 Anicut and its supply channel in Nallur Block of Thittagudi Taluk, 1 Tank and its Supply Channel in Vridhachalam Block of Vridhachalam Taluk, 1 Anicut and its supply channel in Kammapuram Block of Vridhachalam Taluk and 1 Bed Dam and it supply channel in Kammapuram Block in Srimushnam Taluk of Cuddalore District under Lower Vellar Sub Basin.	4294.00	86.00	15000 + 2700 (GST)	22.12.2022 to 23.01.2023	24.01.2023 at 12.00 Noon and Opening at 12.30 PM onwards	24 * Months
2	01 / TNIAMP / WRD / LCN / Works / Phase IV / 2021-22	Improvements to the Foreshore Bund of Veeranam Tank in Kattumannarkoil block of Kattumannarkoil Taluk, Srimushnam block of Srimushnam Taluk and Keerapalayam Block of Chidambaram taluk in Cuddalore District Under Lower Coleroon Sub Basin	621.00	12.45	15000 + 2700 (GST)	22.12.2022 to 23.01.2023	24.01.2023 at 12.00 Noon and Opening at 1.00 PM onwards	12 * Months

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Study reveals huge dissimilarities in employee experience

A Qualtrics report on people management underlines mismatch between how executive leaders in India rate their employee experience and how the teams they lead rate theirs

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Qualtrics 2023 Employee Experience Trends Report has taken the lid off what it calls "concerning disconnect" in how senior and executive leaders in India rate their employee experience and how the teams they lead rate theirs. According to the new research released by Qualtrics, against the backdrop of a talent shortage in India and expected economic headwinds in 2023, this gap is directly impacting the ability to retain and enable talent.

The Qualtrics study goes on to spell out the interventions that ought to be made by employers to bridge this employee-experience gap between those on the top of the totem pole (senior and executive managers) and those below them (middle-level managers and junior employees). It is about amping up the onboarding experience for new recruits; empowering managers with tools and resources to improve engagement levels in their teams; focussing on employees' career goals; leading from the front and demonstrating the stated values of the organisation.

Based on 1,000 responses from professionals in India, the Qualtrics 2023 Employee Experience Trends Report shows two-thirds of senior and executive leaders (65%) reporting that their expectations at work are being met compared to 48% of middle-managers and junior employees. In particular, middle-managers and junior employees report lower levels of intent to stay, well-being, engagement, and inclusion. Satisfaction with pay also varies between the two groups – and the gap is increasing year on year. In contrast, findings from the Qualtrics study reveal how closing the experience gap can help employers increase retention and productivity. Across all levels of the workforce, workers whose expectations are met at work are 1.8 times more likely to stay with their employer for longer, and 1.4 times more likely to go above and beyond.

"Against the backdrop of increasing rates of burnout, financial stresses caused by the rising cost of living, and evolving employee needs, the Qualtrics findings must serve as a wake-up call for business and HR leaders in India. There is a clear gap in the experience organisations think they are delivering to their teams and what is actually being provided, and failure to address it can have serious implications – from struggling to retain top talent, cultivating employee wellbeing, and maintaining productivity and performance," says Lauren Huntington, Employee Experience Solution Strategist, Southeast Asia and India, Qualtrics. In addition to closing the experience gap between leaders and their teams, the Qualtrics 2023 Employee Experience Trends Report pinpoints key trends employers need to focus on in 2023 to ensure employee expectations are met.

Onboarding experience

In India, engagement, intent to stay, and meeting employee expectations are lowest among employees who have been with their current employer for less than 12 months. These findings demonstrate the challenges organisations face onboarding employees in rapidly changing environments, and the need to adapt systems and processes accordingly.

A toolkit for managers

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Employee's growth

Believing career goals can be met at the employees' current organisation are in the top two drivers of intent to stay and inclusion, revealing the importance of prioritising growth.

Walking the talk

Employees' belief in organisational values is among the top ten drivers of nearly all the key employee-experience metrics – including well-being, intent to stay, inclusion, and meeting expectations – reflecting a need to understand what employees care about most and acting accordingly.

"What we have seen through our research is that in India and across the globe, employee expectations continue to evolve at a rapid rate. As employers work to address the employee experience gaps that remain and emerge in their organisations, it is critical they are focused on understanding what obstacles and friction points their teams are running into so that they can be removed for the entire workforce. And as the Qualtrics findings show, for organisations that do this well the rewards will be significant," says Georgie McIntyre, Lead Author for the Qualtrics 2023 Employee Experience Trends Report and Employee Experience Scientist, Qualtrics.

For this employee experience trends report, Qualtrics surveyed nearly 29,000 working individuals across 27 countries in Q3 2022. One thousand respondents were from India, which includes 455 junior to manager-level employees; and 545 senior and executive leaders

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From Page One

Border row: Legislature to adopt resolution

Earlier, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah argued that Mr. Bommai should not have gone to the meeting with his Maharashtra counterpart convened by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss the boundary dispute as it went against the State's stand that boundary dispute is already a settled issue.

Defending his meeting with Mr. Shah, the Chief Minister said he could not have skipped the meeting as it was focused on law and order. "It is wrong to say that the Union Home Minister called the meeting to resolve the boundary dispute. It was only for the maintenance of law and order and to ensure peace," he argued. He said Mr. Shah had made it clear that the issue cannot be resolved on the streets and that they had to wait for the Supreme Court's verdict. He said Karnataka had indicated that it would not keep quiet if the Kannadigas in Maharashtra were troubled.

Commission report

Mr. Siddaramaiah recalled that the Mahajan Commission to decide on the boundary dispute was formed in 1966 only at the insistence of Maharashtra. The dispute had been settled when the Commission gave its report in 1967 declaring that Belagavi belonged to Karnataka. But politicians in Maharashtra had still kept the issue alive for political gains, he said. He pointed out that Kannadigas had accounted for 64.39% of the total population in Belagavi as per the 1881 Census report while Marathis had accounted for 26.04% based on which the commission had decided the border issue.

Subsequently, Maharashtra challenged the Reorganisation Act before the Supreme Court in 2004 and Karnataka contended that Maharashtra's petition was not maintainable. Karnataka had taken a stand then itself that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction over the issue and that only Parliament was the authority on the issue, he pointed out. He alleged that politicians in the neighbouring State had raised the issue now as the matter was coming up for hearing again.

INBRIEF

Energy Dept. to fill 1,500 posts by January first week: Minister

As many as 1,500 vacancies of Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers in the Energy Department would be filled in the first week of January, 2023, the State government on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly.

In reply to senior BJP member S. Suresh Kumar during the zero hour, Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar said the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) conducted the examination, and key answers to all questions would be published on the KEA website before conclusion of the winter session of the legislature. Mr. Kumar said many candidates had written examinations seeking jobs following the delay in the recruitment process by the Karnataka Public Service Commission and other government agencies.

No unilateral decision on National Pension Scheme: CM

The State government would not take a unilateral decision on the National Pension Scheme (NPS) introduced in 2004 for its employees and it is ready for discussion, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly. In a reply to K.S. Lingesh, of the JD(S), during the zero hour, Mr. Bommai said the government recently set up the 7th pay commission for its employees for revising their salaries and Dearness Allowance has been revised often. The government has also given many other facilities to its staff. The pros and cons of the NPS were to be discussed and it was a serious issue, Mr Bommai said. Some State governments have already withdrawn from the NPS.

Claims on high conversion rate of proposals questioned

The Congress in the Legislative Council questioned the claims of the BJP government in the State on the high rate of conversion of investment proposals made during the recent Global Investors' Meet (GIM).

Raising the issue, M. Nagaraju pointed out that the GIM conducted by the BJP government in 2010 and 2012 did not have a conversion rate of more than 14% to 15% against the proposed investments. The Congress members alleged that the State is unlikely to receive as much investment as it spent on conducting GIM in November in Bengaluru.

However, Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries Murugesh Nirani said the government had arranged for a land bank of more than 1.2 lakh acres to help realize proposals made at GIM 2012.

Bill tabled to hike reservation for SCs, STs

The Bill, which replaces Ordinance, cites inadequate representation for people of both categories in educational institutions and employment

IN THE LEGISLATURE

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The Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and of Appointments or Posts in the Services under the State) Bill, 2022 – that allows for increasing reservation for SCs from 15% to 17% and for SCs from 3% to 7% – was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

The Bill, which replaces an Ordinance, aims to increase the reservation in keeping with the increase in the population size of both these categories.

At present, the reservation for SCs is 15%, STs is 3% and Backward Class is 32%, which adds up to 50%, an upper limit fixed by the Supreme Court. The Bill envisages hiking the combined reservation for SCs and STs from 18% to 24%.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah in the Legislative Assembly in Belagavi on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The government had set up a commission headed by High Court retired judge H.N. Nagamohandas in 2019 citing social and economic backwardness of many castes and communities under SCs and STs. Quoting the commission's report, the Bill states, "The landholdings of SCs and STs is disproportionate, and starkly less compared to their population, and that reinforces the social and educational backwardness."

"When compared with their population, there is evidence of inadequate representation in educational institutions, employment in the government, for the SCs and STs, which renders their attempt to come out of the backwardness extremely difficult," the government has stated in the Bill while quoting the report.

The Bill cites a study by National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, which states that 74% of STs have remained invisible and their literacy rate is lower than 3%.

Demand for discussion

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah demanded a separate discussion on the government's decision to increase quota citing several issues, including provisions in the Constitution.

He has and said argued that the exercise could be pointless unless included in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution to give it legal protection.

While Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the House could discuss the issue under the Bill, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai asked Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri to take a decision on the matter.

With Assembly elections scheduled in April-May, 2023, both the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress and JD(S) are keen on securing the support of SCs and STs. Hence, the House is expected to see heated arguments during debate on the Bill.

Investment regions planned to help State retain edge in manufacturing

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Karnataka Special Investment Region Bill, 2022, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday to establish, operate, regulate and manage large or mega or super mega size investment regions and industrial areas or clusters in the State.

Law and Parliamentary Minister J.C. Madhuswamy introduced the Bill whose objective is to retain Karnataka's position as a global manufacturing hub. The State government, through notifications, will declare an existing or proposed investment region or industrial area to be a special investment region (SIR) and determine its geographical boundaries. Such an SIR would be out of the jurisdiction of the local authorities.

Apex authority

The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) would be the apex authority for regulating development, operation, framing norms, and management of the SIRs, and development of infrastructure within the region.

The authority will be empowered to approve the plan for land use, development plan, grant permission for economic activity, fix user charges proposed by the regional development authority or government agency, and to monitor the development of the SIR.

The State Government will constitute a regional development authority (RDA) for the SIR. The RDA will have powers to acquire, hold and dispose of movable and immovable property.

The chairman, the executive officer, the general manager and two officials of the RDA will be appointed by the government while one officer will be nominated by the apex authority.

Powers of RDA

The RDA will be empowered to secure planned development of the SIR and take steps for its effective regulation and efficient management, management and planning of land resources, and infrastructure of the SIR, classify and earmark the area of the SIR for various purposes, prepare development plan, to acquire, hold and manage land, sale, lease, transfer or dispose off any land or building owned by the body. The RDA will be carrying out surveys in the SIR, enter into agreements, contracts or concession agreements with any other person, entity for performing its functions.

Conversion of agricultural land for other purposes to be simplified

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

To simplify the conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purpose, the Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly. It envisages amending Sections 95 and 96 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.

Revenue Minister R. Ashok, who introduced the Bill, said if any person holding agricultural land wants to divert it for other purposes, he or she would have to submit an affidavit along with an application to the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner would issue an order of approval within seven days.

Within 15 days

In case the DC fails to give their decision and issue the order within 15 days from the date of receipt of the application, the approval for diversion of land use would be deemed to have been granted by the Deputy Commissioner and the same would be certified and issued, after payment of the prescribed fee.

In case the master plan has not been published or the land is outside the local planning area, the authorities concerned should furnish their opinion within 15 days from date of receipt of the application. The Deputy Commissioner should issue approval, subject to the opinion furnished by the authorities concerned and payment of the prescribed fee.

In case no opinion is given within 15 days, it would be deemed that the concerned authorities have no objection to the diversion of land for use as per the application. If any diversion was obtained with a false declaration or affidavit, the order issued by the Deputy Commissioner would be declared null and void. The conversion fee, if remitted, would stand forfeited to the government.

The DC would reject an application for conversion of land if the conversion is contrary to provisions of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act, 1978, or of the grants issued by the government from time to time. There would be an increase in the guidance value of the land only in case of diversion of the land.

The Karnataka Border Area Development Authority (Amendment) Bill 2022 was also tabled in the Assembly on December 20 for giving power to the State Government to add, alter or omit any of the taluks and other areas from the authority.

CM to resolve Eshwarappa, Jarkiholi issue in consultation with Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/BELAGAVI

While former Ministers K.S. Eshwarappa and Ramesh Jharkiholi have abstained from the ongoing Belagavi legislature session, sulking over not being re-inducted into the Cabinet, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said that he has been in touch with both the BJP leaders and will resolve the issue.

Mr. Eshwarappa, who has been cleared in a case of abetment to suicide of a contractor, had announced that his non-attendance of session was a 'mild protest'. Mr. Jharkiholi, accused in a rape case after alleged videos of him with a women emerged, is upset at not being re-inducted into the Cabinet despite being cleared of charges.

Discussed in Delhi

"I am in touch with both," Mr. Bommai said, claiming that non participation of both leaders is not boycott. "They are right in their thinking that they must return to the Council of Ministers once they were cleared of all the charges," he told reporters at Belagavi. The CM also said that their issue had been discussed during his recent visit to Delhi and they have also had a positive outlook.

Meanwhile, reiterating that he had received clean chit from allegations four months ago, Mr. Eshwarappa told presspersons in Bengaluru, "BJP state President Nalin Kumar Kateel, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had said that the allegation was baseless and had promised to take me to Cabinet once I received a clean chit." Mr. Eshwarappa, who said he had not contacted any national leader in this connection, also reminded his partymen of his contribution along with Mr. Yediyurappa and late H.N. Ananth Kumar, in hastening the party's growth since 1990s.

"I have the right to protest but do not want to embarrass the party or government. That is why I have sought leave of absence from the legislative session and registered a mild protest," he said.

Horatti all set to become Council Chairman again

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Eight-time MLC Basavaraj Horatti, who joined the BJP recently, is all set to become the Chairman of Legislative Council again.

Accompanied by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and a host of other party leaders, Mr. Horatti filed his nomination papers at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha on Tuesday.

Mr. Horatti, who has been elected to the Legislative Council from Karnataka West Teachers' Constituency, was the only person to file his nomination papers for the elections scheduled to be held on Wednesday. With the Congress and the JD(S) opting out of the race, Mr. Horatti's election appears to be a formality.

Basavaraj Horatti filing the nomination for the Legislative Council Chairman post in Belagavi. P.K. BADIGER

The BJP is expected to win the polls as it enjoys a majority in the 75-member Upper House. It has a total of 39 members, besides pro-tem chairman Raghunath Rao Malkhapure while the Congress has 26 members and JD(S) has 8 members. One member is an Independent while another seat is vacant. Though Mr. Malkhapure was also an aspirant for the post, the BJP finalised Mr. Horatti's name at a meeting in Belagavi under the leadership of Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary.

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(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri Nataraj Choudhary and Smt. Lakshmiraj has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agricultural"** Zone to **"Residential"** purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining to Sy.No: 235/2 Extent 02Acre-39Guntas and Sy.No: 235/3 Extent 02Acre-34Guntas totally measuring 05Acre-33Guntas of Taripura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk. As per the approved Master Plan for Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Local Planning Area the proposed land is earmarked for "Agriculture" purpose. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

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Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

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INBRIEF

TTD to release tickets for Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will be releasing the online quota of SRIVANI darshan tickets for Vaikunta Dwara Darshanam at 9 a.m. on December 22. About 2,000 tickets will be made available daily for 10 days from January 2 to 11. Devotees will have to pay ₹10,000 to the SRIVANI Trust and ₹300 towards the cost of the ticket. The TTD has also made it clear that the ticket-holders will be allowed only in 'Maha Laghu' darshan system, under which they can have the darshan from 'Jaya and Vijaya' point.

ISRO case: HC judge recuses himself from hearing bail plea

Justice Viju Abraham of the Kerala High Court on Tuesday recused himself from hearing the anticipatory bail pleas of former Director-General of Police Siby Mathew, former Gujarat DGP R.B. Sreekumar, and an Intelligence Bureau official, all accused in a case registered in connection with the alleged conspiracy to frame former Indian Space Research Organisation scientist S. Nambi Narayanan in the 1994 espionage case.

Mann appreciates KCR's initiative in launching BRS

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has appreciated Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao for his initiative in launching Bharat Rashtra Samithi at the national level. The Punjab Chief Minister, who visited Pragati Bhavan, the Chief Minister's Office, on Tuesday, held discussions with the Chief Minister on the current political situation, progress achieved by Telangana and governance issues relating to Punjab during their meeting.

Buffer zone issue: Pinarayi announces slew of measures

The administration promises to publish map tentatively demarcating intended buffer zone; invites those residing near forest areas in Kerala to raise objections, if any, before January 7

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Strong protest: The All Kerala Catholic Congress taking out a march in Idukki on Tuesday demanding physical and field surveys.

In a bid to defuse an escalating political threat and blunt a brewing anti-government agitation, a top-level meeting chaired by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced a slew of measures to win the confidence of communities that felt imperilled by the Supreme Court proposal to impose a one-kilometre ecologically sensitive buffer zone (ESZ) around protected forests in the State.

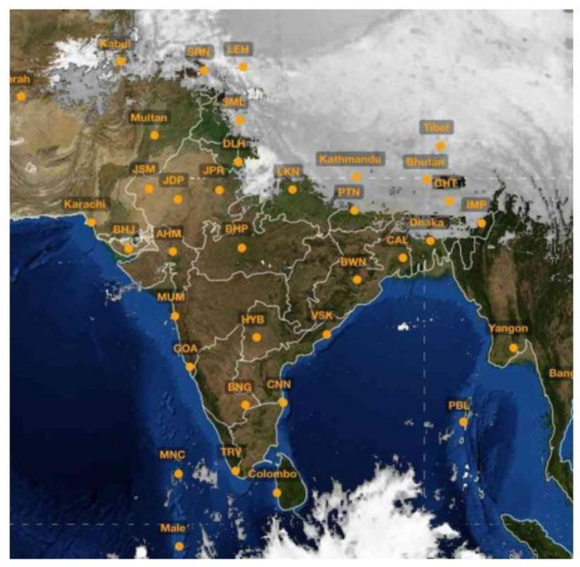
Signalling total transparency, the administration promised to publish the map tentatively demarcating the intended buffer zone for public perusal. It invited affected families, mostly settler farmers, living on the extremities of 22 protected forests spread across 115 densely populated panchayats in the State to raise objections to the map, if any, before the extended January 7 deadline. They could approach the panchayat secretary and forest officials to include structures excluded from the satellite survey.

The government also deputised revenue, forest and local body officials to conduct field surveys at the panchayat level to incorporate left-out information, if any, into the map to be submitted to the Supreme Court via the Central Empowered Committee and Union Ministry of Environment and Forests.

The government has sought the help of the Kerala Catholic Bishops Conference and other opinion leaders to create a conducive atmosphere for ESZ field surveys. Water Resources Minister Roshy Augustine and Transport Minister Antony Raju spoke to a cross-section of social leaders as part of confidence-building measures.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Thunderstorm with lightning likely in isolated pockets over south coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Cold wave/severe cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and north Rajasthan

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.0	15.6	Kozhikode	—	33.6	23.4
Ahmedabad	—	32.3	16.5	Kurnool	—	32.2	18.0
Aizawl	—	—	8.1	Lucknow	—	20.8	9.2
Allahabad	—	23.2	9.3	Madurai	—	31.8	23.1
Bengaluru	—	28.4	16.6	Mangaluru	—	33.6	21.6
Bhopal	—	27.2	11.6	Mumbai	—	33.7	20.5
Bhubaneswar	—	29.8	13.6	Mysuru	—	28.0	17.0
Chandigarh	—	18.7	7.6	New Delhi	—	23.2	6.3
Chennai	—	29.8	23.3	Patna	—	24.2	11.6
Coimbatore	—	29.5	20.6	Port Blair	—	30.0	26.6
Dehradun	—	21.3	8.0	Puducherry	—	30.1	21.2
Gangtok	—	13.1	9.7	Pune	—	30.8	14.9
Goa	—	34.8	19.8	Raipur	—	30.2	13.6
Guwahati	—	27.8	13.7	Ranchi	—	25.4	9.2
Hubballi	—	31.0	17.0	Shillong	—	16.2	—
Hyderabad	—	30.4	15.7	Shimla	—	14.0	5.3
Imphal	—	23.3	9.1	Srinagar	—	12.2	-3.4
Jaipur	—	25.8	9.8	Thiruvananthapuram	0.4	33.2	23.1
Kochi	—	31.0	25.0	Tiruchi	—	29.6	22.6
Kohima	—	19.0	5.8	Vijayawada	—	30.2	18.6
Kolkata	—	26.5	16.0	Visakhapatnam	—	29.0	20.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.21	166	.40	.54	100	
Bengaluru	.17	.20	.36	179	94	
Chennai	.27	.57	.45	185	121	
Delhi	.14	146	106	407	379	
Hyderabad	.24	.22	.94	149	143	
Kolkata	.12	.28	.44	316	262	
Lucknow	.9	.55	108	327	238	
Mumbai	.40	145	104	242	158	
Pune	—	—	—	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.32	.46	.35	216	183	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 473 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Three of family found dead in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 70-year-old woman allegedly ended her life along with her son and daughter at her apartment in Mahalakshmi Layout on Monday night.

The deceased have been identified as Yashodha, 70, Suman, 41, and Naresh, 36. The incident came to light when the elder daughter called them a few times, but there was no response. Worried, Aparna rushed to the apartment and with the help of neighbours, broke open the door to find them lying dead.

Inquiries revealed that Yashodha had three children and the eldest daughter Aparna was married, while Naresh and Suman were staying with Yashodha. Her husband Dr. Satyanarayana died two years ago and the family had shifted from Nagarabhavi to Mahalakshmi Layout. Naresh was working as a contractor and did not marry as Suman was not finding a match. The family was worried about this and Yashodha had slipped into depression, the police said. This could be the reason behind their extreme step and the trio entered into a suicide pact and ended their lives, said a police officer.

Aparna, in her complaint, said that she would talk to her mother and sister every day and the last time she spoke to them was on Saturday. However, the next day, when they did not respond and even on Monday when the calls went unanswered, she rushed to the apartment and sought the help of neighbours to break open the door as the door was also not answered after repeated knocks. Based on a complaint filed by Aparna, the police have registered a case of abettment to suicide and are investigating. The complainant suspected a few of Naresh's friends could be the reason behind their extreme step and the investigations are on to ascertain the reason behind it, said the police.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya sahaya vani ph. 104 for help)

Woman 'locked up and sexually assaulted' in Vijayawada

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

A woman was allegedly locked up and sexually assaulted by three men for two days at Sanath Nagar in Vijayawada. The incident came to light on Monday evening when the woman approached the doctors at Government General Hospital in Vijayawada for treatment.

The woman reportedly told the doctors that she was sexually assaulted by a man and his friends in their room in Sanath Nagar.

"The woman came to GGH at 5.30 p.m. on Monday. She told the doctors that she was sexually assaulted and needs treatment. The patient has a few bruises on the body and is being taken care of," said GGH superintendent B. Sowbhagyalakshmi told *The Hindu*.

The police visited the hospital and took up an investigation based on the victim's statement. The woman works as a domestic help. The prime accused who works at a public toilet complex near Benz Circle allegedly took the woman to his room in Sanath Nagar and sexually assaulted her for two days along with two other men. The prime accused is reportedly known to the victim.

The Krishna district police formed seven teams to nab the accused following the complaint by the victim.

While the prime accused Srinu and his friend Nagaraju were nabbed, search is on for their accomplice Ravi.

Boosting tourism

Jumbo attraction: The palace premises in Mysuru is gearing up for the Mysuru Winter Festival. The district administration is planning to host various events to attract tourists during the festival, which will be celebrated from December 24 to January 2. M.A. SRIRAM

Passengers have to pay high fares during year-end season

Dhinesh Kallungal
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Keralites will have to dip deeper into their pockets to reach home this festival season. Airfares and charges of inter-State bus services have reached a new high ahead of Christmas with airlines and stage carriers jacking up fares.

With Christmas falling on Sunday, the Friday and Saturday before and the Monday after the holiday will be the most expensive days to travel as per the current booking trends.

Airfares have witnessed around 400-500% increase on key domestic routes, while stage carriers connecting Kerala with major south Indian cities have also increased the fares by over 100%.

A Delhi-Thiruvananthapuram flight ticket will cost a whopping ₹26,430 on Friday, while the Bengaluru-Thiruvananthapuram airfare is ₹17,042 on the same day compared to ₹1,500-3,000 on normal days.

Southern Railway will operate 17 special train services mainly between Ernakulam and Kollam in the State to Chennai, Velankanni, and Tambaram in Tamil Nadu from December 22 to January 2 to clear the extra rush.

Bus services

Similarly, the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will operate a few special inter-State services from Wednesday taking note of the huge demand. But these services are insufficient to meet the demand during the peak festival season. No special trains have been announced between Bengaluru and Kerala, despite huge demand.

While the airlines have raised the fares 400-500%, bus fares have witnessed only around 100% increase.

Though there is huge demand for tickets to Kerala during the season, the buses will be heading back to Chennai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad without sufficient passengers, A.J. Rijaz, working president, Contract Carriage Operators Association, Ernakulam, says.

With no tickets available on general quota, people will scramble for other alternatives without trying their luck on the waiting list, says K. Suresh, an IT employee in Bengaluru.

Class X girl punished with hot iron rod for not wearing *chunni*

The Hindu Bureau
KURNOOL

A physical education teacher of a girls' residential school in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh allegedly punished a Class 10 student with a hot iron rod for not wearing *chunni* (shawl), part of the school uniform here, while playing in the playground.

The incident, which took place at Kasturba Gandhi Girls School at Kothapalli on Saturday, came to light on Tuesday after reports of the same spread on social media platforms. Kothapalli Mandal Education Officer Sriramulu said the teacher, Pavani, reportedly brought a heated iron rod from the kitchen and hit the girl when she found her without a *chunni*. The girl reportedly suffered burns on her cheek, he added.

The girl's parents have not yet lodged a complaint.

Mr. Sriramulu, along with Mandal Development Officer and Sub-Inspector Mubinna Taz, visited the school on Tuesday and conducted an inquiry. Action would be taken after the higher officials take a decision on the report sent to them, he said.

Veerappan aide convicted in Palar blast case granted bail; released from Mysuru Prison

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Jnanaprakash, an aide of slain forest brigand Veerappa and who was convicted in the Palar blast case, was released on bail from the Mysuru Central Prison, on Tuesday.

Jnanaprakash was accused number 30 in the Palar blast case of 1993 in which 22 policemen died in a mine blast triggered by Veerappan and his men. The then Special Designated Court under TADA Act had convicted Jnanaprakash and three others -Simon, Meesekara Madaiah and Bilavendran - and awarded them life sentence, on September 29, 2001.

Jnanaprakash (third from left), who was convicted in the Palar blast case, standing outside the Mysuru Central Prison on Tuesday.
M.A. SRIRAM

Jnanaprakash and others appealed in the Supreme Court against the life sentence but the apex court not only upheld the TADA Court ruling but enhanced the punishment to death sentence.

Jnanaprakash was accused number 30 in the Palar blast case of 1993 in which 22 policemen died in a mine blast triggered by Veerappan and his men

But the undue delay in carrying out the death sentence led the Supreme Court to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment. Jnanaprakash, who is in his late 60s and has spent more than 28 years in jail - first in Hindalaga in Belagavi and then in Mysuru - is afflicted with lung cancer and is being treated at the Kidwai Hospital in Bengaluru.

Recently, a petition was filed in the Supreme Court pleading for his release on bail and the apex court admitted the petition and granted the interim bail subject to the conditions fixed by the trial court. Advocate Baburaj of Mysuru presented the bail order to the trial court in Chamarajanagar which sought two sureties and a bond of ₹5 lakh and granted bail following which Jnanaprakash was freed.

Fluid boundaries

Inter-State disputes resolution lies in a political culture respectful of diversity

The dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra over areas that both States claim to be theirs has become nasty and noisy in recent weeks, even leading to violence. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis – both from the BJP – have crossed swords publicly. Campaigners for the merger of Karnataka's Marathi-speaking areas with Maharashtra upped the ante this week by organising a conference in Belgaum. Maharashtra politicians wanted to attend it but were stopped by the police, leading to a flare-up, possibly as intended by the invitees and the organisers. Karnataka's practice, since 2006, of holding the winter session of the Assembly in Belgaum, is itself an assertion of its authority over the place. Recently, Mr. Bommai reiterated Karnataka's claim over 48 villages of Sangli in Maharashtra, drawing a sharp rebuttal. With exchanges getting increasingly provocative, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has told the Chief Ministers to dial down the rhetoric and wait for the Supreme Court to adjudicate the matter. The Court is seized of the matter, but it can only do so much as the underlying factors that originated along with the 1956 linguistic reorganisation of Indian States are not easily amenable to technical and legal solutions.

Carving out political units that neatly correspond with various linguistic groups is impossible in India. As a result, almost all States have linguistic minorities that are accorded special rights. The Maharashtra-Karnataka row fundamentally arises out of a lack of appreciation of that reality. In 1957, Maharashtra claimed 814 villages and the three urban settlements of Belagavi, Karwar and Nippani in Karnataka; Karnataka not only rebuffed Maharashtra's claims but also began to claim areas in Kolhapur, Sholapur and Sangli districts in Maharashtra. Elsewhere, Maharashtra and Telangana are caught in a dispute across their border, in Chandrapur and Asifabad districts, respectively. Reports of populations wanting to have their places shift from one State to another have emerged in recent weeks. In the Northeast, some boundary disputes between States have cost lives. It is wise to defer to the Court's decision on any dispute, but harmony can be achieved only through embracing and promoting a political culture that is respectful of diversity that cannot be neatly demarcated. Fluid political and cultural boundaries criss-cross the landscape of India. If new fires are lit through divisive politics, the judiciary can do very little. That will be a double engine failure.

Prosecuting Trump

Indicting Trump without sufficient evidence could be counter-productive

The unanimous decision by the House committee investigating the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol to refer Donald Trump to the Justice Department for four potential criminal charges is a setback for the former President, who has announced his re-election bid for 2024, and could turn U.S. politics more turbulent. The committee, appointed by the outgoing Democrats-controlled House and made up of seven Democrats and two Republicans, alleges that Mr. Trump disseminated false allegations about the 2020 election results and provoked his supporters to launch violence. It recommended Mr. Trump's prosecution for incitement of an insurrection; conspiracy to defraud the country; obstruction of an official proceeding of Congress (handover of power), and conspiracy to make false statements. Mr. Trump's troubles are only growing. Earlier this month, the Trump Organization, his family business, was convicted of criminal tax fraud. The FBI is probing Mr. Trump's handling of classified documents. In Georgia, Mr. Trump and his aides are under investigation for allegedly trying to overturn election results. Besides, the Justice Department has appointed a special counsel, Jack Smith, to investigate the January 6 riots and Mr. Trump's alleged role in it.

The House committee's criminal referral does not have any legal weight as Congress cannot interfere with the Justice Department's decisions. Attorney-General Merrick Garland can make an independent assessment of the referral and the evidence cited in the panel's report and then take a decision. There is no doubt that Mr. Trump's response to the January 6 riots was utterly unpresidential and gravely irresponsible. The committee found that he was in the Oval Office watching the riot on the TV, and refused to issue a statement asking his supporters to disperse. While this behaviour, along with his refusal to immediately accept the election results, makes him morally incapacitated to hold the high office again, the question before Mr. Garland is of having enough evidence to prosecute Mr. Trump. On the other side, the former President, who still commands a loyal base, would use the criminal referral by a Democrats-majority committee as a partisan "witch hunt", deepening the political cleavage in American society. Prosecuting a former President who is running again (probably against the incumbent) would set a precedent with deep ramifications. Given that getting a conviction would require a unanimous jury, any move to indict Mr. Trump without sufficient evidence could be counter-productive. That is why the referral is a double-edged sword. Perhaps Mr. Garland should wait for the Justice Department's own probe into January 6 before taking a final call on how he should deal with the Trump problem.

Upholding the autonomy of the Election Commission

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Over the course of November and December, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India heard a crucial case about the method by which the Election Commission of India (ECI) is constituted, and Election Commissioners appointed. At the time of writing, the Court has reserved its judgment, which is expected early in the new year. The issues before the Court are straightforward, but with far-reaching ramifications for Indian democracy: is complete executive control over appointments to the ECI constitutional? And if not, what manner of appointment is sufficient to preserve the independence of the ECI, and the fairness of elections?

According to the classical understanding of modern democracy, there are three "wings" of state: the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary. The task of the Constitution is to allocate powers between these three wings, and to ensure that there is an adequate degree of checks and balances between them. Traditionally, bodies that are involved with administrative and implementational issues – elections being among them – are believed to fall within the executive domain.

The erosion of a 'classical understanding'

However, in contemporary times, that understanding is no longer dominant. It is now commonly accepted that healthy constitutional democracies need what are known as "fourth branch institutions" (or, alternatively, "integrity institutions"). The reason why a "fourth branch" – in addition to the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary – needs to exist is the following: many of the basic rights and guarantees that we enjoy cannot be effective without an infrastructure of implementation.

Let us take, for example, the right to information, a staple feature of most modern constitutional democracies. Without an infrastructure of implementation, the right to information will remain only a paper guarantee. We need, for example, an information commission, adequately staffed and funded, which will oversee the on-ground enforcement of the right to information, compel recalcitrant public institutions to release public information, adjudicate disputes, and so on. These tasks involve elements of the judicial function as well as the administrative function, and, therefore, cannot only be performed by the judiciary, but need bodies – such as commissions – to perform them on a daily basis.

Now, it logically follows from the above that "fourth branch institutions" need to be functionally independent from the political executive. This is because they are the vehicles for implementing rights against the executive. Once again, think of the right to information: primarily, citizens will attempt to invoke this right to extract public documents from government departments, in the interests of transparency. Governments, therefore, have a direct interest in such cases, and as history has shown, governments are rarely willing to be transparent of their own accord. To be effective, therefore, an Information Commission needs to be thoroughly independent of the government, against which it will be obligated to enforce the constitutional right to information. This is not an abstract point: as we have seen in recent times, extensive government control over the Central Information Commission – including control over appointments – has led to it becoming a largely toothless and ineffective body, and the eventual frustration of the right to information.

> In sorting out the method by which the Election Commission of India is constituted, the guiding principle must be functional and effective independence from the executive

Examples from overseas

Modern constitutions all over the world have recognised this.

Thus, for example, the South African and Kenyan Constitutions have dedicated constitutional provisions for "fourth branch institutions" such as Human Rights Commissions, Election Commissions, and so on, calling these "integrity institutions", and requiring them to be "independent." The appointments process for such bodies normally involves multiple stakeholders from different wings of the state.

The Indian Constitution also provides for such similar fourth branch institutions. While the ECI is, obviously, an example, others include the Comptroller and Auditor General, and the Public Service Commission(s), and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. The problem, however, is this: while the Constitution goes to some degree to protect the independence of fourth branch institutions while officials are in office (such as, for example, a high threshold on the removal of an Electoral Commissioner), the power of appointment lies exclusively with the executive (formally, the President of India acting on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers). To put the point simply, the government decides who gets to be in charge of running fourth branch institutions.

This is undoubtedly a problem. The link between the power of appointment to a body, and its control, is both intuitive and has been empirically established in multiple contexts. As the South African constitutional court correctly noted in one of its landmark judgments, true and functional independence is effectively impossible if the power to appoint rests entirely within a single individual, office, or entity. This, then, is the foundation of the ongoing dispute before the Supreme Court.

Indeed, Indian constitutional history as well points to the problem. The collegium system for the appointment of judges – which has recently seen controversy again – arose as a response to executive abuse and attempts to control the judiciary, stemming from the constitutional text, which again gave to the President (i.e., the executive) the power to appoint judges. In the landmark Vineet Narain case, the Supreme Court likewise held that for the rule of law to prevail, the appointment of the CBI Director would have to be ratified by a three-member body that included the Prime Minister, the Leader of Opposition, and the Chief Justice of India. Thus, Indian constitutional history is no stranger to the perils of executive power over appointments to independent bodies, and the fashioning of remedies against that.

The appointments process

What, then, should the Court do in the case before it? It is important to note that almost no constitutional democracy in the world allows the political executive sole power to staff a body as important to sustaining democracy as an Election Commission. Appointment processes involve the government, the Opposition, independent experts, and judicial experts, in a manner that no one centre of power has dominance, or a veto. The problem, however, is that an appointments process is difficult to create simply by judicial decree: it is something that needs political consensus, public deliberation, and, perhaps, a carefully crafted legislation.

The Court, therefore, has its task cut out. It is obvious that the existing system where the executive has absolute power over appointments is unsatisfactory, has been historically problematic, and damages the rule of law. But the Court must be careful to avoid band aid or stop-gap solutions. One possible alternative is for the Court to hand down a suspended declaration of invalidity, i.e., a remedy where the Court puts into place certain interim guidelines, but leaves a more permanent, structural solution up to the legislature. It is for the Court to decide how best that might be achieved, but the guiding principles, at all times, must be functional and effective independence from the executive, from the moment of appointment to the retirement, and then beyond.

The new normal in the Indo-Pacific contestation

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> With tensions between an aggressive China and an emerging India intensifying, there will be significant changes and challenges in the Indian Ocean and South Asian regions

As 2022 comes to an end, the world is embracing a 'new normal' where new fault lines are being reconfigured in the Indo-Pacific. The Indian Ocean and South Asian regions are at the heart of this contestation, considering their geo-political and geo-economic prominence and India's emergence as a major power. As tensions between an aggressive China and an emerging India intensify, New Delhi's Quad partners are also making inroads in its backyard, ushering significant changes in the region.

China's widening outreach

The contestation for South Asia and the Indian Ocean is not new. China has long tried to mark its influence in these regions and enhance its strategic ambitions, namely, to limit Indian influence, military power, and status and to sustain its energy supply and economic growth. Beijing's outreach in South Asia increased manifold in the early 2000s with its economic boom. It began to further its strategic ends in the region through loans, financial incentives, and mega-infrastructure projects; this became more institutionalised with the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in 2013. Subsequently, these investments enabled Beijing to access the Indian Ocean, promote political and security ties in the region, harbour military vessels and submarines, and take certain islands and ports on lease (including the Hambantota port of Sri Lanka).

It is only with the Galwan clashes in 2020 that the Indian strategic thinking is deeming Beijing as a bigger threat than that of Islamabad. While the possibility of a two-front war persists, Pakistan's strategic isolation, economic and political fallout, and border and terror challenges emanating from Afghanistan have minimised the likelihood of its aggression. On the other hand, Beijing's larger strategic and diplomatic presence and grand ambitions have continued to trigger angst for New Delhi.

Steps by India, the rest of the Quad

After Galwan, New Delhi has re-energised diplomatic efforts in its backyard. In the Maldives, New Delhi is reciprocating President Ibrahim Solih's 'India First' policy with massive economic assistance, grants, and infrastructure projects and by also cooperating on maritime security. In Nepal, Prime Minister Deuba's government has attempted to improve Nepal's overall bilateral relations with India. In crisis-hit Sri Lanka, India, this year alone, has provided economic and humanitarian assistance and investments worth $4 billion. India's leading efforts in South Asia and the Indian Ocean have also attracted other Quad members (Japan, Australia, and the United States). Close cooperation has ensued among these partners to collectively push against China and offer genuine alternatives to the BRI - they have also been assisting Sri Lanka throughout the crisis. Japan is also finalising its talks with Sri Lanka on debt restructuring. In the Maldives, Australia and the U.S. have committed to opening their embassies and new areas of cooperation. In 2020, the U.S. signed a defence and security framework with the Maldives. Earlier this year, Nepal also ratified the U.S.'s Millennium Challenge Cooperation (Nepal Compact), much to China's displeasure.

However, the recent success of India and its partners is unlikely to deter China from furthering its presence in the region. Such an outcome is more unlikely, with tensions rising against India, and the Quad partners making inroads in South Asia. Earlier this month, the Chinese surveillance vessel Yuan Wang-5 (it had docked in Sri Lanka in August), re-entered the Indian Ocean. A similar incident occurred last month when another vessel of the Yuan Wang series entered the Indian Ocean, coinciding with the test flight of the Agni-series missile. Beijing also hosted its first-ever China-Indian Ocean Region Forum, to institutionalise its presence in the region and challenge new initiatives such as the Quad and the Colombo Security Conclave.

A balancing act is likely

Beijing will continue to leverage its financial and economic might and political influence in South Asia. But, most importantly, South Asian countries would also hesitate to completely move away from China as they hope to exercise their agency by balancing with China and India – essentially making this competition a 'new normal'. And this trend will only increase with new players entering the region.

Such a balancing outcome is very likely with most South Asian countries now facing economic and political turmoil. The COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine have continued to haunt the region. Nepal, the Maldives and Bhutan are struggling with depleting forex reserves. Bangladesh has reached a bailout agreement worth $4.5 billion with the International Monetary Fund. Sri Lanka is yet to chart its way out of the economic crisis. Energy shortages, inflation, and negative or slow economic growth are also disrupting day-to-day activities in these countries. As 2023 marks an election year for a large part of South Asia, these economic grievances combined with political opportunism will likely fuel more instability in the region. Ongoing protests in Bangladesh are a mere indication of such upcoming challenges. New Delhi and its partners which have only started to make recent gains against China, should be ready to embrace these challenges.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The COP-15 summit

Though the decisions made at COP-15, which culminated into the Kunming-Montreal Agreement are illuminating, there is more which needs to be done (Page 1, "COP-15 summit adopts historic biodiversity deal", December 20). Such deals must have an international legal personality in charge, armed with some powers to push for enforceability and accountability in actual terms. Currently, these meets are mere platforms for rhetoric. Actions on the ground are difficult to track.

Manas Agarwal,
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

The recommendations appear to be a practicable and workable way of protecting the earth.

R.V. Baskaran,
Chennai

Incident in place of worship

The Hindu (Chennai, December 20) has highlighted the disappointing experience of Justice S.M. Subramaniam, of the Madras High Court, when he visited the Vadapalani temple — he detected "misappropriation of money in the issuance of special darshan tickets". Had he read the famous saying, religion is the opiate of the masses, he would not have been disappointed by what occurred. These are matters of ordinary happenings in temples and elsewhere — part of the institutional defaults in our society.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

The incident shows that there should be periodical visits to public places by constitutional functionaries to check that the common man is not suffering due to corruption.

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

Mediation and cases

Permanent mediation training institutes must be established in each district in consultation with the legal services authorities to train young advocates. This will help to create a professionally trained pool of advocates. This will cut the pendency of cases at the grassroot level.

Pravin Patil,
Walwa, Sangli, Maharashtra

At Doha

Argentina's well-deserved World Cup win will be remembered for its epic level of excitement, drama and upsets. Praise-worthy is the organisational skills and efforts put in by Qatar.

N. Sadasivan Pillai,
Nellimukku, Kollam, Kerala

Corrections & Clarifications

A part of the blurb of a Science page story titled "Genes for long lifespan of banyan, peepul trees identified" (December 18, 2022) that read "all participants who achieved remission had completely stopped medications", did not pertain to the story.

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The profound ramifications of one amendment

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The deadline for comments on the Digital Personal Data Protection (PDP) Bill, 2022, has been extended till January 2, 2023. The Bill of 2022 incorporates hefty penalties for non-compliance, but which are capped without any link to the turnover of the entity in question.

A major concern is the provision in the Bill which seeks to deny providing any personal information on administration officials under Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, citing the protection of "individual privacy". This poses a serious problem with the right of privacy-vis-à-vis the right to freedom of speech.

This fourth iteration of the law on data protection misses out on the recommendation of the Justice Srikrishna Committee, which was set up in 2017, after the Supreme Court's Puttaswamy judgment. It ignores the concerns raised by stakeholders about its previous versions. The Joint Parliamentary Committee had suggested more than 80 amendments to the draft PDP Bill of 2019, which was withdrawn in August 2022, citing "extensive changes".

Institutional independence

Under the draft law, all the major actors - data principal, data fiduciaries, and the Data Protection Authority of India (DPAI) - will exercise excessive control. The DPAI will have great independent authority in a regulative area. The selection committee consisting of the Chief Justice of India or her nominee, the Cabinet Secretary, and one person with expertise and repute in the data technology field will have tremendous power. The unfettered power of the executive over the DPAI only serves to defeat the autonomy of the institution. It is imperative that there be a certain degree of separation between the executive and the regulatory body. Since the DPAI will be entrusted with monitoring and enforcing legal affairs and policy setting, research and awareness, inquiries, grievance handling, and adjudication, this overseeing power is expected to guard fundamental rights. If there is such excessive power, due to the direct intervention and control of the executive ensuring accountability and transparency becomes a big challenge.

This is no casual amendment to the Bill; it has profound ramifications. It will affect the right to freedom of speech and expression guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution and play havoc with the tenuous balance between freedom of speech and the exceptional restrictions delineated in Article 19(2). In fact, the first amendment to this effect in the Constitution in 1951 had almost diluted the freedom of speech. Unfortunately, the so-called data protection Bill in the name of protecting privacy is destined to destroy the right to information.

The intended amendment would considerably dilute the institutional independence of the DPAI while removing Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Bill says: "(2) Clause (j) of sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 shall be amended in the following manner: (a) The words 'the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer or the appellate authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information' shall be omitted;..."

In addition, the Bill justifies the exemption from the RTI in the interest of the "sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the state, friendly relations with foreign states, maintenance of public order or preventing incitement to any cognizable offence relating to the preceding sub-clauses". This Bill enhances the penalty provisions for entities which fail to protect individuals from data breaches. In the name of protecting individuals, the government threatens to impose a fine of up to ₹250 crore. This will prove a deterrent for filing any genuine complaints. If the exception is allowed in the RTI Act, the amendment proposes to remove the exception.

The ratio of *Madras Bar Association v Union of India* has been ignored in the new draft Bill. The provision of the selection committee in the National Tax Tribunal Act (NTTA) was struck down by the Supreme Court as it comprised more executive members than judicial members. It was held unconstitutional because it contravened the institutional independence of the tribunal. The NTTA empowered the executive to decide transfers, the location, jurisdiction, and constitution of benches. It amounted to excessive executive interference. This principle would not, prima facie, extend to those tribunals which review the actions of independent regulators such as the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the Competition Commission of India, or the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. Under the DPDP Bill, the selection committee will have a direct link with the executive, but will have no independent authority.

In addition, the DPAI also performs adjudicatory functions. The appellate adjudicatory officers are to be appointed by the board members of the DPAI who are solely appointed by the executive members. Such appointments could undermine the independence of the authority. The RTI Amendment Act, 2019, which brought about similar changes, has seriously damaged the law. Similarly, executive officers will decide the salary, and jurisdiction upon the central government which undermines the independence of the judges. They can be easily struck down.

The so-called data protection Bill in the name of protecting privacy is destined to destroy the right to information

A challenge for the Congress in Himachal

The delay in Cabinet formation indicates that the road ahead could be bumpy

STATE OF PLAY

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It has been over a week since the Congress won the Assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh. While the party was quick to resolve infighting over the top post by elevating Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu as Chief Minister, the delay in Cabinet formation indicates that the road ahead could be bumpy.

Fissures appeared in the party's State unit before Congress legislators met in Shimla to choose their leader. In the race for the top post was Pratibha Singh, the widow of the late Virbhadra Singh, who dominated Congress politics for decades in Himachal Pradesh. When Mr. Sukhu won the contest, Ms. Singh's loyalists staged protests, raising slogans in her favour. The Congress picked Mr. Sukhu as he has decades of experience in leading different units of the party.

However, the tasks ahead for him at the organisational and governance level are daunting and will put to test his ability as a leader. Mr. Sukhu has to ensure that he continues to enjoy the support of the factionalism-ridden party while also fulfilling the slew of populist electoral promises that the party made in the cash-strapped hill State. The Congress's key promises include a monthly financial assistance of ₹1,500 to women aged between 18 and 60 years, free electricity up to 300 units monthly to households, and restoration of the old pension scheme for government employees in place of the market-linked national pension scheme. Himachal Pradesh was reeling under a debt burden of over ₹63,000 crore until March 2022.

On December 11, Mr. Sukhu took oath as the new Chief Minister and Mukesh Agnihotri as the Deputy Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. The Cabinet was expected to be formed after the three day-long Assembly session, which was scheduled to begin on December 22. However, with Mr. Sukhu testing positive for COVID-19, the Assembly session was cancelled on December 19. This deepened anxieties surrounding Cabinet formation.

There can be a maximum of 12 ministers in Himachal Pradesh, including the Chief Minister. The opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has already started to corner the new government, pointing out that "all is not well" within the Congress. The incumbent Chief Minister has dismissed these allegations though he has accepted that there was "conflict" at the time of selecting the chief ministerial candidate.

Mr. Sukhu might be providing assurances that the party is united, but divisions in the party's State unit between supporters of the 'Sukhu camp' and the 'Pratibha camp' are hardly a secret. As the names of contenders for ministerial berths continue to do the rounds in party circles, the challenge for the incumbent Chief Minister will be to strike a balance between these camps as well as ensure regional and caste representation.

The incumbent Chief Minister asserts that Cabinet formation will be done according to the guidelines of the party high command. However, questions over Mr. Sukhu having a free hand to run the government have already come up. The allotment of portfolios will also be a problem as Ms. Singh's supporters are reportedly feeling sidelined after the elevation of Mr. Sukhu, a known detractor of Virbhadra Singh. According to party persons, Ms. Singh stepped away from the race for Chief Minister after she bargained with the top leadership for her son, Vikramaditya Singh, to be inducted into the new Cabinet with a key portfolio.

The victory in Himachal Pradesh is a morale booster for the otherwise beleaguered Congress ahead of the 2024 general election. However, it is facing immense pressure to deliver on its promises. Delays in Cabinet formation are often watched keenly by the Opposition and indicate trouble. Mr. Sukhu's elevation to the top post, despite not being from a political family, is seen as a symbolic moment in State politics as well for the Congress party that has often been blamed by the BJP for promoting 'dynasty politics'. The Congress, however, will have to deliver results quickly to keep the Opposition's attack at bay in the run up to the 2024 parliamentary polls, while also allaying apprehensions over infighting. While Himachal Pradesh might be a small State, politically, it could help the Congress showcase its work at the national level. Mr. Sukhu bears the weight of expectations of not just of the party, but also the people of the hill State.

Vegetable prices in India are on a rollercoaster ride

As there is an alternating pattern of inflation peaks and deflation troughs, vegetable prices are highly volatile

DATA POINT

Rebecca Rose Varghese & Vignesh Radhakrishnan

On Monday, a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, Poonam Gupta, expressed her disappointment in the manner in which "monetary policy is held hostage by vegetable prices". She termed monetary policy as a "blunt instrument" to address vegetable inflation. "Surely, our economy, which is more than $3 trillion, can manage its vegetable prices better than it has. These shocks, which hold the policymakers' attention unduly, I would say... can be addressed better," she said at a discussion hosted by the Ananta Centre on the upcoming Union Budget. The "shocks" that Ms. Gupta was referring to are the highly volatile retail and wholesale prices of food products, especially vegetables. These shocks jolt the Indian economy every year. During some years, vegetable prices skyrocket and burn a hole in the pockets of consumers. During others, they crash, leading farmers to dump their produce owing to negative returns.

Chart 1 depicts the overall retail inflation and vegetable retail inflation every month between January 2014 and November 2022. Compared to vegetable inflation, overall retail inflation remained steady in the period considered, oscillating between +1.4% and +8.6%. However, vegetable inflation wildly swung between -22% (deflation) and +60%.

If we examine the January 2014-November 2022 period, vegetable prices hit a peak in a month and then rapidly declined. This led to a trough a year later. This was again followed by a rapid ascent leading to a newer and much bigger peak, a year later. The gap between peak inflation and peak deflation has also widened in recent months pointing to an increase in the volatility of a commodity which was already volatile.

Chart 2 shows the retail inflation of select vegetables in the December months of each year. The graph further establishes the volatile nature of vegetable prices. Every odd year there was inflation of vegetable prices, and every even year there was deflation. This cycle was seen across all vegetables, which means that the trend is not confined only to onions, tomatoes and potatoes – the three vegetables produced and consumed widely.

Not only were the prices alternating, but the degree of inflation and deflation too recorded extreme variations. For instance, in 2015, carrot retail inflation was 7.97%; in 2017, it was over 50%. In 2018, the price of cauliflower decelerated by 4.4%; in 2020, it recorded a 22% deceleration.

Chart 3 shows how inflation varies within a year in select vegetables and in select States. **Chart 3A** shows the price of a kg of potato during all the months across the last seven years in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. **Chart 3B** shows the same for onions in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. **Chart 3C** shows the same for tomatoes in Ranchi, Jharkhand. All the three charts exhibit a common pattern. The prices of vegetables were the lowest in the summer months of March to May. They slowly began to rise in the south-west monsoon months of June to September. Then they peaked in the autumn months of October and November or sometimes in December. Prices started to cool down in the late winter months of January and February.

This pattern shows that vegetable prices are tied to the kharif and rabi harvest cycles and the resultant demand-supply gap in the markets. They also depend on the failure of crops which leads to reduced supply amid increasing demand. Also, a sudden surge in production may lead to a glut, with prices sharply decreasing due to high supply.

In a pickle due to rising prices

The inflation-related data in charts 1 and 2 are sourced from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The prices in chart 3 are from the National Horticulture Board

Chart 1: Overall retail inflation and vegetable retail inflation every month

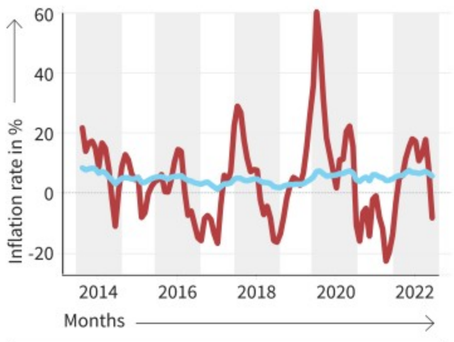


Chart 2: Retail inflation of select vegetables in the December months of each year

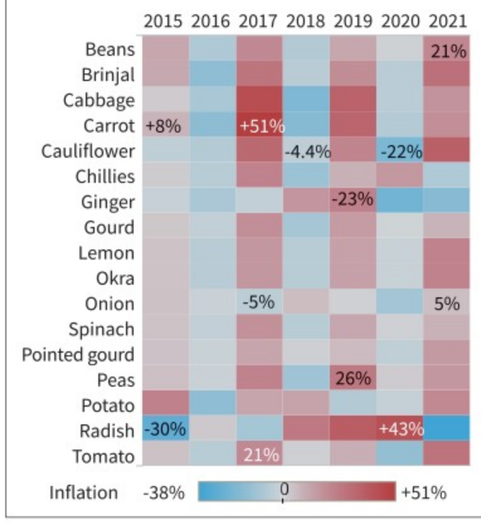
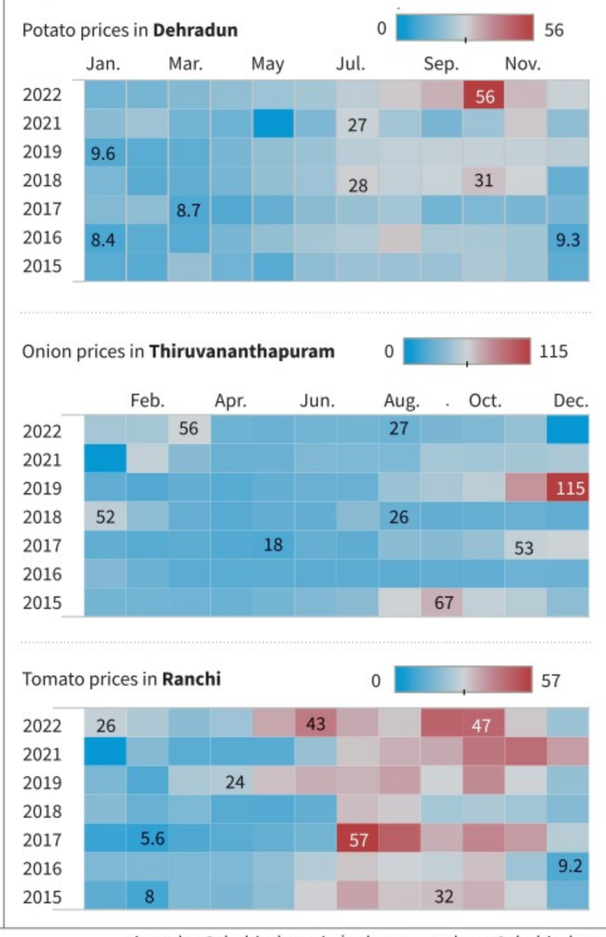


Chart 3: The chart plots the average retail prices in **₹ per kilo** of select vegetables in select markets across all months between 2015 and 2022



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 21, 1972

Bhutto's conditions for Bangla recognition

Paris, Dec. 20: The Pakistan President, Mr. Z.A. Bhutto, said in an interview published here yesterday that all outstanding questions raised by the Indo-Pakistan war a year ago must be solved before his Government could recognise Bangladesh. The French newspaper La Monde, which published the interview, said his statement was the hardest Mr. Bhutto had made and appeared to rule out any early settlement of the Asian sub-continent's problems. "All the questions resulting from the conflict will have to be the object of a multi-lateral arrangement before we can take the step of recognition," Mr. Bhutto said. The Pakistan President also stressed that the recent agreement on the delineation of line of control in Jammu and Kashmir did not mean that the long-standing dispute between his country and India had been solved. "The Simla agreement indicates very clearly that the new line of control will be defined without prejudicing the known positions of each side," he said. If the dispute had been solved by the agreement, the line of control would be known as an "international frontier", he added. - Reuter AFP reports: Pakistan has said that the question of "East Pakistan" would not be negotiated with India and "its future could be decided only through direct negotiations between the elected leaders of the two wings of Pakistan."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO DECEMBER 21, 1922 |

Sir Reginald Craddock

Rangoon, Dec. 20: Sir Reginald Craddock in his farewell message to Burma, says that hitherto critical newspapers have published very appreciative comments on his work and he wishes all people of Burma to know that he IS leaving with none but kindly thoughts. Differences of opinion have existed but they have been almost all happily solved. He has always been anxious to get Burma and Burmans moving and is glad to think they are now doing so. He is confident that people of Burma will move in the right direction and expressES thanks for the kindness he has received from them. A very successful garden party was given at the Dalhousie Park by Rangoon citizens this afternoon in honour of the departing Lient-Governor.

From Page One

New scanners to speed up security check

While the CISF provides its personnel, security infrastructure at airports is the airport operator's prerogative.

While the traditional X-ray machines currently used at airports produce a 2-D image, newer technologies such as computer tomography produce a 3-D image with a higher resolution, and have better automated detection of explosives. They also have a low rate of false alarms, which often lead to CISF personnel requiring a physical inspection of a bag. These factors result in a higher baggage throughput through the machine.

The technical specifications for modern machines for screening cabin bags are likely to be issued within a month, according to a senior official of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. These will accompany a new set of technical specifications and trial directives for the much-delayed full-body scanners to be installed at airports for detecting non-metallic items on passengers once they pass through the existing door-frame metal detectors.

The initial BCAS deadline for installing them was March 2020, but it has been extended multiple times, and now stands pushed to December 2023.

L-G orders recovery of ₹97 crore from AAP

They added that the CCRGA had investigated the advertisements published by the DIP in compliance with a Delhi High Court order. After finding several advertisements to be in "stark violation" of the Supreme Court's guidelines, the committee had directed the DIP to identify the specific advertisements, quantify the amount spent of them, and recover it from the AAP.

"The DIP ascertained and quantified that an amount of ₹97,14,69,137 had been spent/booked on account of non-conforming advertisements that violated the Supreme Court order. Of this, while payments amounting to ₹42,26,81,265 had already been released by the DIP, ₹54,87,87,872 were still pending disbursal," the officials said.

The officials said that the DIP had in March 2017 directed AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal to pay ₹42,26,81,265 to the State exchequer immediately, and release the remaining amount of ₹54,87,87,872 within 30 days.

"However, even after a lapse of five years and eight months, the AAP has not complied with this DIP order," an official said.

The Directorate of Vigilance, later in an inquiry, found out that the DIP had failed to recover the money from the AAP, the official added.

Killers of J&K civilians among three shot dead

Another militant, Umer Nazir, was behind the killing of Bahadur Thapa of Nepal, ADGP Kumar said.

Militants killed 14 members belonging to minority communities, including three Kashmiri Pandits, this year. These attacks sparked fear among the Pandits working in the Kashmir Valley.

The police identified the third slain militant as Danish Hussain Kakroo, a resident of Baramulla. The police said they seized incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including one AK-47 rifle, two pistols, from the encounter site. "The operation was a big success," ADGP Kumar said.

The situation was improving considerably in Kashmir, said J&K Director-General of Police Dilbag Singh. The DGP termed the recent threats by The Resistance Front to Kashmiri Pandits "a tactic of the ISI and their supporters to instil fear among people and keep militancy alive".

'When will Centre start asserting claim on LAC'

"Why have we not been more aggressive and made counter-intrusions to compel the Chinese to withdraw as we did in 1986 and 2013...When will we stop legitimising Chinese aggression by referring to 'differences in perception' rather than asserting our claim," Mr. Ramesh asked.

He said the party agreed with the Minister's view that our jawans should be respected as they stood strong against adversaries.

If relations with China were 'not normal,' as stated by Mr. Jaishankar, Mr. Ramesh asked, "Then why have we never called the Chinese Ambassador and issued a demarche as is done with the Pakistan High Commissioner? Why is our trade dependence on China at a record high with imports at $95 billion in 2021-22 and the trade deficit at $74 billion? Why did our troops conduct military exercises with Chinese troops at Russia's Vostok-22 exercise in September 2022?"

Reacting to the Minister's remarks that the Indian Army would not let China change the status quo along the LAC 'unilaterally,' Mr. Ramesh said, "Has the status quo not been altered by Chinese troops 18 km deep in Depsang? Is it not altered by the fact that our troops are unable to access 1,000 sq km of territory that they earlier patrolled? Is it not altered by the fact that we have agreed to buffer zones that prevent our patrols from going to areas they previously could go to? When will the EAM declare that restoration of the pre-2020 status quo is our objective?"

J&K Police form SIT to probe killing of two youth

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR/JAMMU

The J&K Police constituted a five-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Tuesday to investigate the recent killings of two civilians outside an Army camp in the Pir Panjal valley's Rajouri, as the victims' families and the Army version about the sequence of events contradict each other.

"The SIT will work on all aspects of the incident professionally and conclude the case in time," Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Rajouri-Poonch range, Haseeb Mughal told *The Hindu*.

Sources said the SIT will start with recording the statement of an injured civilian, who was shifted to a nearby hospital by a team of the police on the day of incident.

According to the Army version, unidentified terrorists opened fire at the Army Military Hospital near Rajouri on December 16 and "there has been a fatal casualty of two individuals". However, local people and the families alleged that the two youth were returning from the Army camp where they worked as porters, when they were hit by bullets around 6 a.m. on the Poonch-Rajouri highway.

'If not reformed, UN will be overtaken by other organisations'

While process may be complex, it does not mean change cannot happen, Ruchira Kamboj says, adding it has been an agenda for three decades

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Other organisations such as the G-20 may step up to take a more prominent role in international affairs than the United Nations if the global body fails to introduce reforms in the UN Security Council, Ruchira Kamboj, the Permanent Representative of India at the United Nations, said.

Speaking on the issues – reformed multilateralism and counterterrorism during the December Presidency of India at the UNSC – Ms. Kamboj said that the reformation of the United Nations is the "most complex process" of the UN system.

"It involves several aspects. It requires all the P-5 [permanent members of the UNSC] to be on board. It requires that no P-5 should veto the matter and all of that and much more. There are many who aspire to be in a reformed council but there are many who would not like to see those in the council. Therefore, the process is indeed very complex," Ms. Kamboj said, stressing that the complexities, however, do not mean that "change cannot happen".

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Kamboj addressing a press conference at the UN headquarters. FILE PHOTO

Ms. Kamboj said that there is a lot of "pessimism and cynicism" about the possibility of reform of the UN Security Council as the item of reform has remained on the agenda of the UNSC for nearly three decades without any substantive progress.

Harsh V. Pant, who moderated the session, raised the possibility of "minilaterals" playing a more active role in global affairs to which Ms. Kamboj said that it is a possibility if the reform of the UNSC refuses to make any progress.

"Today, you have almost 200 member states. Their voices are not being heard any more. Let's say, the voice of the voiceless, the smaller states, the countries from Africa. Who hears them? Everything is being scripted for them in many ways," Ms. Kamboj said, warning that "may be the UN will be overtaken by other institutions for example that are more democratic such as the G-20". The envoy, however, urged not to rush to any conclusion on such possibilities.

No survey done to identify number of EWS recipients: govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Centre had said that it was relying on the data compiled in the Poverty Index by NITI Aayog

The Union government has not conducted any survey nor is it considering a proposal to conduct one to identify the number of beneficiaries entitled to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said in response to a question from Sajda Ahmed of the Trinamool Congress in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

While the Supreme Court, earlier this year, heard the constitutionality of the EWS reservation, the Union government orally told the Constitution Bench that it was relying on the data compiled in the NITI Aayog's Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index to estimate that 18.2% of the general category population would fall under the EWS category, which would be about 3.5 crore.

However, in the EWS judgment penned by Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, the court had held that the question of whether any particular classification as Economically Weaker Section is based on relevant data and factors and its extent "could be the matters of consideration as and when arising".

The Supreme Court Bench hearing the challenge to the income criterion for EWS reservation had also questioned the Union government over what data it had considered to arrive at the ₹8 lakh criterion for annual family income. The Bench had gone on to ask the government if it had lifted the income criterion from the OBC Creamy-Layer criterion directly, saying that would be unfair since those qualifying under the EWS category are not facing social and educational backwardness like OBCs.

Interestingly, in response to another question, Social Justice Minister Pratima Bhoumik said that the Constitution did not give the mandate to prescribe different yardsticks for economic parity of two communities within the same country.

Explained | How has the EWS ruling altered reservations?
bit.ly/ewsexplained

Lok Sabha members demand stricter law to curb drug abuse

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> Medical shops selling prescription drugs over the counter should be dealt with in the same manner as peddlers
>
> **VEERASWAMY KALANIDHI**
> Member of the Lok Sabha, DMK

Stricter law enforcement, better rehabilitation centres and more sports complexes for students were some of the suggestions made by Lok Sabha members on Tuesday to tackle the growing menace of drug abuse in the country.

Cutting across party lines, the MPs, who were participating in a short-duration discussion in the Lok Sabha, said that it was high time the Centre adopted a strategy similar to that for COVID-19 to wean youth away from drug abuse.

Demanding stricter law enforcement to check drug abuse, Congress member Gurjeet Singh Aujla said new routes such as Gujarat were being used by traffickers.

In a similar vein, DMK MP Veeraswamy Kalanidhi asked the government to set up at least one rehabilitation centre in every parliamentary constituency.

The DMK MP also demanded that medical shops selling prescription drugs over the counter be dealt with in the same manner as peddlers.

'Unknown threat elements had tampered with IT servers of AIIMS'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that the cyberattack at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi took place as "unknown threat elements" tampered with the IT (information technology) servers at the hospital due to "improper network segmentation".

During the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, the Congress's Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury asked about the investigation regarding the AIIMS cyberattack, and if the attackers had been linked to China and Hong Kong.

Responding to this, Minister of State for Home, Ajay Mishra Teni said, "IT systems in AIIMS are managed in-house. On November 23, after AIIMS informed the government about the attack, it was found during preliminary probe that due to improper network segmentation unknown threat elements had tampered with the IT servers, which has now been rectified. The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and other agencies have suggested measures to protect the system."

At risk: Patients and their relatives had a harrowing time at the AIIMS as the computer servers went down. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

On November 23, the AIIMS said in a statement that the National Informatics Centre (NIC) had said the hospital's servers were down and it may be due to a ransomware attack. Following the incident, the Delhi Police registered an FIR under Section 385 of the IPC and Section 66/66F of the IT Act pertaining to cyberterrorism and computer-related offences against unknown persons.

The Minister said in a written reply that more than six lakh complaints of cybercrime had been registered at the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System since its inception in 2019.

Mr. Mishra said the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System had been launched for immediate reporting of financial frauds. The toll-free helpline number 1930 has been operationalised for assistance in lodging online cyber complaints.

BJP claims huge lead in Maharashtra rural polls

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) claimed to have emerged on top in the results of elections to 7,135 gram panchayats across 34 districts of Maharashtra on Tuesday.

While Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis said that the ruling coalition of the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction and the BJP had trounced the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance, the MVA leaders charged Mr. Fadnavis with making "false claims".

Sources said that of the results declared in 6,100-odd gram panchayats of the total 7,135, the BJP had taken a clear lead. The NCP is likely to finish a creditable second, leading in over 1,400 gram panchayats.

Opposition alleges misuse of NHRC as Centre seeks probe by the body in hooch tragedy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

JD(U), RJD and Trinamool ask why the body was absent in similar tragedies in BJP-ruled States

The Centre's decision to get the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to investigate the recent Bihar hooch tragedy was called into question with Opposition parties in both Houses of Parliament criticising the BJP-led government of misusing constitutional bodies.

While the Lok Sabha saw members of the JD(U) and BJP get into a war of words in the Rajya Sabha, Opposition leaders staged a walkout at 11.50 a.m., charging the government with using constitutional bodies to target non-BJP-ruled States. Accusing the Narendra Modi government of 'double standards', 14 like-minded Opposition parties in a joint statement pointed out that "from 2016, when prohibition was imposed by Bihar government led by JD(U)-BJP, to 2021, there have been over 200 hooch-related deaths in the State, but the NHRC never felt the need to investigate any such incident".

When similar liquor tragedies have occurred in BJP-ruled States such as Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, why did the NHRC not go (investigate) there, they asked.

Raising the matter in the Lok Sabha during the Zero Hour, JD(U) MP and party president Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lallan, said, "NHRC has informed the Bihar government that the hooch deaths in Chhapra will be probed by them. How did the human rights commission come into this?"

Speaking to reporters outside Parliament, RJD MP Manoj K. Jha said, "Preparation and distribution of illicit liquor in any part of India is a matter of collective national concern. But so far we have not heard of the NHRC making visits following hooch tragedies in States ruled by BJP." He said the human rights body did not visit Morbi where more than 150 persons were killed in a bridge collapse.

PIB detects three YouTube channels spreading fake news

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The fact-check unit of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) has detected three YouTube channels which were allegedly circulating fake news pertaining to the Supreme Court and top Constitutional functionaries.

The fact-check unit has identified more than 40 instances where these channels were spreading false information. They had nearly 33 lakh subscribers and their videos, almost all of which were found to be false, were watched over 32 crore times, said the Information & Broadcasting Ministry.

"This is the first time when PIB has exposed entire YouTube channels as against individual posts on social media spreading false claims," said the Ministry. One of the channels named "News Headlines" has 9.67 lakh subscribers and more than 31.75 crore views. Other channels, "Sarkari Update", with 22.6 lakh subscribers, and "Aaj Tak (in Hindi) Live" with 65,600 subscribers were also found circulating false claims.

According to the Ministry, these channels spread sensational claims about the Supreme Court, the Prime Minister, government schemes, farm loan waivers and other issues.

These YouTube channels also used fake thumbnails with logos of popular TV channels and images of their news anchors to mislead the viewers into believing that the said news was authentic.

Rule 267, a bone of contention in Rajya Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rule 267 of the Rajya Sabha rulebook that allows for suspension of the day's business to debate an issue suggested by a member has become a bone of contention. Not a single notice under the rule moved by the Opposition has been accepted in the Winter Session.

On Tuesday, six such notices were declined by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, prompting Trinamool Congress member Derek O'Brien to point out the precedents. He said that there were 11 instances between 1990 and 2016 when this rule was invoked for various discussions.

The last instance was in 2016, when then Chairman Hamid Ansari allowed for a debate on "demonetisation of currency". In this session, the members have moved notices under the rule demanding debate on various issues, including the India-China stand-off.

States' financial constraints given short shrift: Opposition

Rajya Sabha members target fiscal policies of the Union government, allege gross miscalculation of expenditure in the Bills; Congress MP asks why there was so much error in planning

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Seeking answers: Members taking part in discussions in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. PTI

On the second day of discussions in the Rajya Sabha on the two Appropriation Bills moved by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the Opposition on Tuesday continued to target the fiscal policies of the Union government and alleged gross miscalculation of expenditure in the Bills.

They accused the Centre of not considering issues such as financial constraints of the States, unemployment and inflation while setting its policy prerogatives.

Congress member Amee Yajnik, who was the first speaker on Tuesday, said that through the Bills, the Centre was seeking approval from Parliament for an amount of ₹4,35,938 crore as additional expenditure. "It is a big amount. Out of this amount, ₹3,25,000 crore is only for revenue expenditure. So, the moot question that arises is how come there was so much error in planning. I would like to know from the Finance Minister: was it devoid of any priorities or was there any misplaced focus when the monies were allocated?" she said.

Countering Ms. Yagnik, BJP member Arun Singh said India under the Narendra Modi government did much better than other countries in managing the economy even amid a pandemic. A number of welfare measures were initiated to help the poor and investment in social welfare schemes had increased, he said.

Dola Sen of the Trinamool Congress criticised the monetisation policy, and said the Centre was trying to make money by selling national wealth.

BRS member K. Keshava Rao said he was concerned about the share that the States were getting from the Centre's revenues. Pointing out that cess collections were eating into the vitals of the States' economy, he said cesses and surcharges in gross tax revenue had increased from 8.16% in 2011-12 to 28.08% in 2021-22. CPI(M) member John Brittas said many of the Centrally sponsored schemes were to trumpet about leaders of the BJP.

"We do not require that. You (the Centre) give money to the States. That is the only way in which this country can be a true federation," he said.

Congress member Kumar Ketkar said farmers were being deprived of their essential inputs, including fertilizer subsidies. "No investment coming from abroad, no investment coming from within the country and, therefore, the Finance Minister tries to show that, actually, it is a problem which is God-given," he said.

BJP protests in Parliament over Kharge's remarks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Members of the Treasury Benches disrupted both Houses of Parliament over Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's comments at a political rally in Alwar in Rajasthan on Monday.

Mr. Kharge had said that the BJP had no role in the Freedom Struggle.

In the Rajya Sabha, Leader of the House and Union Minister Piyush Goyal said Mr. Kharge had no right to sit in the House till he apologised for his comments.

In a sharp riposte, Mr. Kharge defended and reiterated his remarks. He said the remarks were made outside Parliament and should not be discussed in the House.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal were engaged in a heated exchange in the Lok Sabha over Mr. Kharge's remarks.

INBRIEF

Nominated member P.T. Usha joins Vice-Chairman's panel

Nominated Rajya Sabha member and former athlete P.T. Usha is now on the panel of the Vice-Chairman of the House, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar announced on Tuesday. Mr. Dhankhar informed the House that Ms. Usha is the first nominated member to be on the panel in the history of the Rajya Sabha. The panel members run the House in the absence of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman.

Pre-matric scholarships limited to Class 9, 10 students

The Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry on Tuesday told the Lok Sabha that it had limited pre-matric scholarships for Other Backward Classes (OBC) to students of Classes 9 and 10 from 2021-22, adding that the same category of scholarship for "Scheduled Castes and others" had been limited to these classes since the scheme was launched in 2012-13. Earlier, the students from the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) were not provided pre-matric scholarships, but in the revised scheme, Class 9 and 10 students in the category are also being considered for the scholarship, Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar said.

Only 4 de-addiction centres for women in India: Minister

The Union government on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that there are just four drug de-addiction centres for women – two in Manipur and one each in Mizoram and Karnataka – supported by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, whereas according to the latest available data, there are an estimated 57.4 lakh women dealing with substance abuse of different kinds across the country. Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A. Narayanaswamy provided these details in response to questions from Congress member Shashi Tharoor, who had asked if there were separate de-addiction centres for women dealing with substance abuse issues and whether any study had been conducted to study the patterns of substance abuse among women in the country.

Panel flags victimisation of SC/ST employees of PSUs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Each case of delay in verification of caste certificates should be treated as an offence, House panel says

There has been an increasing number of incidents of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees of public sector undertakings (PSUs) being victimised in the name of verification of caste certificates, a Parliamentary Standing Committee noted in a report tabled in Parliament on Tuesday.

The committee said that the employees were facing undue delays in the same.

While prescribing a slew of measures to the Department of Personnel and Training to sensitise State government machinery to streamline the process of caste certificate verification, the Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes also called for the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to bring legislation to "curb the menace of false caste certificates".

The committee, chaired by BJP MP Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, expressed dismay over delays in the verification of caste certificates. It said that pension benefits and emoluments of SC/ST employees should not become the subject matter of harassment or victimisation. It added that each and every case of delay in verification should be treated as an offence and responsibility should be fixed for the lapse.

BJP likely to extend Nadda's term as party president

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

BJP president J.P. Nadda will, in all likelihood, remain at the helm of the party going into the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

A key organisational meeting is scheduled to be held as early as January to endorse an extension to his current term.

Mr. Nadda's three-year term ends in January, but the failure to hold organisational election, necessary to elect the national president, has been the strongest indicator that Mr. Nadda will continue as the BJP president.

J.P. Nadda

Party sources said that the BJP national executive would be called next month, possibly in New Delhi, and would also deliberate on the strategy for the upcoming Assembly election in various States and review the ongoing organisational exercise.

The highlight of the meeting, however, will be the postponement of the organisational polls in view of the State elections and the Lok Sabha election in 2024. This will lead to an automatic extension of Mr. Nadda's tenure, as internal elections in at least half of the State units of the party must be over before the process of electing the next national president begins.

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No.EC-I/156/2022/3939/CHSE(O), Dt.:19.12.2022

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha intends to undertake e-valuation of Answer Books of the Annual Higher Secondary Examination, 2023 which would include Scanning/ Imaging and on-screen e-valuation of Answer Books, Re-addition/ Rechecking of Answer Books, and also feeding, uploading & transmission of off-line marks. Therefore, Request for Proposal (RFP) is invited for experienced and registered companies/ firms as per following schedule.

Sl.No.	Item	Date & Time
(a)	Last date and time for submission of tender as per RFP (Only by registered post/speed post/courier)	17/01/2023 (05.30 P.M.)
(b)	Submission of pre-bid queries	26/12/2022 in the E-mail ID- secy.chse@odisha.gov.in
(c)	Pre-Bid Meeting	28/12/2022 at 11.00 A.M.
(d)	Corrigendum, if any, to be published in website : [www.chseodisha.nic.in]	29/12/2022
(e)	Opening of Technical Bid	19/01/2023 at 11.00 A.M.
(f)	Technical Presentation	20/01/2023 at 11.00 A.M.
(g)	Opening of Financial Bid	21/01/2023 at 11.00 A.M.

RFP document is available in the website **www.chseodisha.nic.in**. Bidders are requested to go through the RFP thoroughly.

Order of the Chairman
Financial Officer
C.H.S.E., Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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TAMILNADU INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD (TIDCO)
CIN-U65993TN1965SGC005327

e-Tender Notice
Date: 21.12.2022
NOTICE NO. TIDCO/Outsourcing Agency/2022-23

Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (TIDCO), a Government of Tamil Nadu Enterprise is in need of manpower for its Registered Office at 19-A, Rukmini Lakshmipathy Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008 and its various projects in the State. In this context, TIDCO proposes for the selection of manpower agency to provide required manpower for TIDCO and its projects. TIDCO invites Manpower Agencies to submit proposals for undertaking the services described in the Tender document.

Interested Manpower Agencies can download the Tender from the website **https://tidco.com** and **https://tntenders.gov.in** at free of cost. The Terms of Reference, Qualification Criteria and other terms and conditions are provided in the Tender Document.

The schedule of tender is as follows:-

1. Last date and time for submission of Proposals/ Bids is on or before **3.00 PM on 05.01.2023** through **https://tntenders.gov.in**
2. Opening of Technical Proposals/ Bids is at **4.00 PM** on **06.01.2023 at TIDCO Office.**

MANAGING DIRECTOR
Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd
19-A, Rukmini Lakshmipathi Salai,Egmore, Chennai – 600 008
E-mail: cmd@tidco.com, Website: https://tidco.com

DIPR/5605/Tender/2022 "சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
POLICE DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTICE
RC.No.Tr.Imp. 1/54/9108/2022-5 Dated: 19.12.2022
IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC REGULATION OBSERVATION ZONE (TROZ) IN 3 CORRIDORS

S. No	Name of Equipment to be procured	Tender Value	EMD Amount in Rs. (1% on Tender Value)	Tender scheduled	
1.	Implementation of Traffic Regulation Observation Zone (TROZ) in 3 Corridors	Rs.10,50,00,000/-	Rs.10,50,000/-	Pre-Bid Meeting on	30.12.2022 at 11.00 hrs
				Issue of Tender Document (Sale) till	20.01.2023
				Closing Date and Time for the receipt of Tender Document	20.01.2023 upto 12.00 hrs
				Tender Opening Date and Time	20.01.2023 at 15.00 hrs

Note: (1). The cost of Tender Document is Rs.525/- (Rupees Five hundred and twenty five only) which is inclusive of all taxes. The D.D. should be drawn in favour of Addl. Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Vepery, Chennai-7. Requisition by post would cost additionally Rs.75/- (Rupees Seventy five only). The Tender document fee should be submitted along with Tender document. If the tender document is downloading from website the fees will be exempted. (2). Tender Documents can be obtained from the office of the Addl. Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Chennai-7 on payment between 11.00 hrs. and 15.00 hrs. on all working days by Cash or Demand Draft. Separate tender application should be submitted for each package. Quote for the above package should be submitted in a sealed cover on or before the date stipulated above. EMD should be enclosed with the Tender Document. (3). The Tenderers / bidders are requested to submit the Power Point Presentation/video clippings/Sample Miniature and live demonstration at the time of opening of Technical bid. (4). The Department/Tender Committee reserves the right to reject all or part or any of the Tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever and the Department/Tender Committee is not bound necessarily to accept the lowest tender. (5). The filled up Tender Document may be sent to the Addl. Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Vepery, Chennai-7 on or before the closing date and time. Tender Documents can be downloaded from the website **www.tn.gov.in / www.tenders.gov.in**. (6). The above dates are final and no further extension shall be given.

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INVITATION OF BID THROUGH e -TENDERING
Bid Identification No-74/SE/RWSS/2022-23/Bpt Dated.19.12.2022
01. Name of the work :- As per ANNEXURE - A

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding on office hour only		Date of Opening (Technical Bid)
		From	To	
1	2	3	4	5
Superintending Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna	74/SE/RWSS/ 2022-23/Bpt Dated- 19.12.2022	27.12.2022 10.00 AM	16.01.2023 05.30 PM	17.01.2023 10.00 AM onwards

Cost of tender paper to be made online payment system.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http://tenderodisha.gov.in
The original documents should be scanned and uploaded.
Superintending Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna
O-1480: OIPR-25005/11/0022/2223

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TENDER NOTICE

MPMKVVCL, Bhopal invites online Bids from Agencies for supply & execution of below mentioned works as per Tender Specification under RDSS Scheme :-

Tender specification. Number	Name of Works	Lot & Name of Circles	Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh)	Tender fee (incl. GST) (in Rs.)	Date of Pre Bid Conference	Date of Opening of Tender
MD/MK/ 04/850	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New 11 KV line for Bifurcation & Interconnection, Additional 11 KV Bay at 33/11 KV Sub-station, Augmentation of Conductor of 11 KV Lines, Additional Distribution Transformer Substations with associate New 11 KV Lines, LT Line on AB Cable, Conversion of bare LT line with AB Cable, Augmentation of LT AB Cable, 11 KV Line Crossing Agriculture & Non Agriculture Feeder, other associated work and Supporting works such as DPs, TPs, Crossing etc. Package- VI-B in Bhopal & Gwalior Region of MPMKVVCL, Bhopal under Revamped Reforms-based and Results-linked Distribution Sector Scheme- (RDSS)	Lot-I (Bhopal City & Sehore)	18118.78	23600.00	28.12.2022 03.00 PM	12.01.2023 3.00 PM
MD/MK/ 04/851		Lot-II (Bhopal O & M & Vidisha)	19714.83	23600.00	28.12.2022 03.00 PM	
MD/MK/ 04/852		Lot-III (Narmadapuram & Betul)	18656.38	23600.00	28.12.2022 03.00 PM	
MD/MK/ 04/853		Lot-IV (Harda)	12525.86	23600.00	28.12.2022 03.00 PM	
MD/MK/ 04/854		Lot-V (Guna)	7825.42	23600.00	28.12.2022 03.00 PM	
MD/MK/ 04/855		Lot-VI (Morena)	8720.44	23600.00	28.12.2022 03.00 PM	

Other details and full tender document would be available on our Company website **https://portal.mpcz.in** & **Govt. Website https://mptenders.gov.in** very shortly.
M.P. Madhyam/107766/2022 CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (PROC.)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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TENDER NOTICE No.43 BCM/2022-23 / DATED: 16.12.2022

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Sl. No.	Name of work and EMD	Approximate value of work	Period	EMD in favour of
1.	**Two Cover System** Construction of Neuroscience Block in Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai-03. **E.M.D. : Rs.28,56,000/-**	Rs.5691.84 Lakhs	18 Months	Executive Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction) Division-II, Chennai-05.
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INBRIEF

Sethrichem Sangtam gets prize for rural development

Sethrichem Sangtam (at right in photo), who helped triple the incomes of 1,200 marginalised farmers in eastern Nagaland, was awarded the first Rohini Nayyar prize for outstanding contribution to rural development. The prize was presented by NITI Ayog Vice-Chairman Suman Bery. Mr. Sangtam works through his organisation Better Life Foundation. Among his many achievements is encouraging farmers in the region to abandon wasteful slash and burn cultivation and move to permanent farming. The prize has been instituted by the family of the late Rohini Nayyar, an eminent scholar-administrator who spent much of her professional life working on issues related to rural development in India.

Bill on cooperative societies referred to joint committee

A Bill seeking to amend the law on multi-State cooperative societies was referred to a joint committee of Parliament on Tuesday after the Lok Sabha agreed to a motion moved by Home Minister Amit Shah. Mr. Shah said that the committee, which would have 21 members from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha, would further scrutinise the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022. The committee will submit its report to the Lok Sabha in the first week of the second part of the Budget Session, he said. The Bill, which seeks to bring transparency and accountability in the cooperative sector, was introduced in the Lower House on December 7.

VHP demands nationwide population policy from govt.

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) is seeking a nationwide population policy from the government, the group's working president, Alok Kumar, said in New Delhi on Monday. VHP office-bearers claimed to have met over 286 MPs from across parties during the initial days of the ongoing Parliament session and maintained that representatives from all communities supported the idea. The VHP supported the government's idea of making 21 the minimum age of marriage for both men and women. Another important issue that the VHP raised with the MPs is the release of all temples from government (Central and State) control.

Congress leader summoned over remarks against Irani

The National Commission for Women on Tuesday summoned Congress leader Ajay Rai over his "misogynistic" and "derogatory" remark against Union Minister Smriti Irani. The Uttar Pradesh Congress leader on Monday said Ms. Irani only came to her constituency Amethi to show "*latkas*" and "*jhatkas*", an unflattering reference to dance moves that provoked a sharp response from the BJP. "The National Commission for Women has taken cognisance of the misogynistic remark made by Mr. Rai. The remarks are outrageous and extremely derogatory and the commission strongly condemns such statements," the Commission said. PTI

MPs across the aisle break bread at a feast of millets

Government hosts a lunch with an exclusive power-packed menu; Prime Minister calls upon members to serve millet dishes in meetings they host, says it will help small farmers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday extolled the virtues of millets and sports in improving citizens' health to BJP MPs on a day when the government hosted a lunch for MPs with an exclusive menu of millets. He was addressing a meeting of the BJP's Parliamentary Party when he made these remarks.

Briefing presspersons after the meetings, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the Prime Minister told BJP MPs that "making millets, grown by most small farmers in the country, popular, amounts to serving the country".

Eating together: Narendra Modi shares a table with Mallikarjun Kharge at a lunch in Parliament House on Tuesday. Rajnath Singh and Jagdeep Dhankhar are seen. PTI

High on nutrition

Mr. Modi noted that the United Nations had declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets upon his government's request as he had called for making the bouquet of grains that are high on nutrition a popular choice of food for the people of the country.

With tens of thousands of foreign delegates expected to attend a large number of meetings associated with the G-20, that is being chaired by India, Mr. Modi said millets will be on the menu. They can be used in anganwadis, schools, homes and government meetings as well, he added.

The Prime Minister urged MPs to use millet items in the meetings they host.

As over 85% of Indian farmers falling in the category of small farmers grow millets in large numbers, a rise in the consumption of these grains will help them financially, he noted.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar also made a presentation on the upcoming G-20 summit, where India has just assumed the presidentship.

'Khelo India'

Mr. Modi asked the MPs to promote sports meets with focus on Indian games such as kabaddi. Hosting sports meets has been an initiative of the BJP and the Union government in the past few years, with initiatives such as "Khelo India".

Three more sites added to tentative list of UNESCO

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

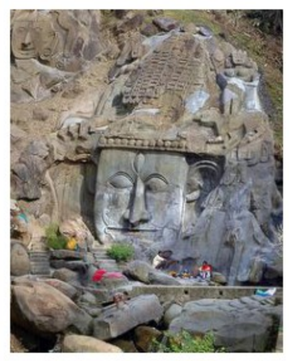
Gujarat's Vadnagar town, the iconic Sun Temple at Modhera, and the rock cut sculptures of Unakoti in Tripura have been added to the tentative list of UNCESO World Heritage Sites.

The UNESCO tentative list is an "inventory of those properties which each State Party intends to consider for nomination".

"With this, India now has 52 sites on UNESCO Tentative List. The list indicates rich cultural and natural wealth of India and shows huge diversity of our heritage," Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy tweeted.

"I congratulate ASI [Archaeological Survey of India] for their role in identifying more monuments and places for the world heritage nomination," he said. The ASI said that the step will provide a big boost to India's cultural heritage.

The Sun Temple at Modhera which is dedicated to the sun god, is the earliest of such temples which set trends in architectural and decorative details, representing the Solanki style at its best.



Unakoti in northeastern Tripura is a holy place associated with Shaiva worship.

Vadnagar is a municipality in Mehsana district of Gujarat. A multi-layered historic town, Vadnagar has a recorded past stretching back to nearly 8th century BC. The town still retains a large number of historic buildings that are primarily religious and residential in nature.

Unakoti is an ancient holy place associated with Shaiva worship. The site is a massive gallery set in a forested area displaying a number of towering low-relief images in a unique style, making it a masterpiece of human creative genius.

Speed up COVID-19 genome sequencing, says Health Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With a spurt in coronavirus cases reported in China, the U.S. and South Korea, India's Health Ministry has asked the States to bolster genome sequencing of the virus samples. Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya is also set to review India's COVID-19 situation on Wednesday.

"In view of the spurt in positive cases, it is essential to gear up the whole-genome sequencing of positive case samples to track variants through the Indian SARS-Cov-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) network. Such an exercise will enable timely detection of newer variants, if any," said a letter to the State governments signed by Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Tuesday.

India has been reporting around 1,200 cases a week with the COVID-19 tally since March 2020 at 4.4 crore. Currently, there are around 3,500 active infections.

The lifting of curbs in China, media reports suggest, has resulted in a spurt in infections. Though the official numbers continue to be low, there is reportedly a scramble for hospital beds and pharmacies are running low on essential medicines in China. The country reported two deaths this week since December 3.

A leading epidemiologist in China, Wu Zonyu, has said that he expects a spike in cases lasting until early January and two other spikes in mid-January and February because of a rise in travel.

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Navy takes delivery of submarine *Vagir*, to be commissioned in Jan.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The fifth Scorpène-class conventional submarine, *Vagir*, was delivered to the Navy by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. in Mumbai on Tuesday. The ship is scheduled to be commissioned into service in January, a Navy official said.

"It is a matter of great pride that *Vagir* has completed all major trials, including the weapon and sensor trials, in the shortest time in comparison to the earlier submarines," the Navy said in a statement. A notable achievement is that this is the third submarine delivered to the Navy in a span of 24 months, it added.

Sixth one in the works

Vagir was launched into water on November 12, 2020 and commenced sea trials on February 1, 2022.

The sixth and last of the Scorpène-class submarines, *Vagsheer*, was launched into water in April 2022 and is expected to be delivered to the Navy by 2023-end.

Patrolling the waters: *Vagir* was launched into water in 2020 and commenced sea trials this February. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

French collaboration

Six Scorpene submarines are being built under Project-75 by MDL under technology transfer from the Naval Group of France under a $3.75-billion deal signed in October 2005. The project is about four years behind the original schedule.

The first submarine, *INS Kalvari*, was commissioned in December 2017, the second *INS Khanderi* in September 2019, the third *INS Karanj* in March 2021 and the fourth *INS Vela* in November 2021.

Parallelly, the tender to build six more advanced conventional submarines under Project-75I is in the Request For Proposal (RFP) stage but has suffered delays.

With delays in submarine induction, the SSKs-209s (German HDWs) and EKMs (Russian Kilos) are being put through the medium refit life certification process, which will give them an additional life of 10 to 15 years.

AIP modules

The Navy currently has 15 conventional and one nuclear submarine in service. It includes seven Russian Kilo class submarines, four German HDW submarines, four Scorpene class submarines and the indigenous nuclear ballistic missile submarine *INS Arihant*.

The Navy has drawn up plans to install air independent propulsion (AIP) modules on all Scorpene submarines as they go for their refit beginning with *INS Kalvari* in the next couple of years to enhance their endurance.

Development of an indigenous AIP module developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation is in advanced stages.

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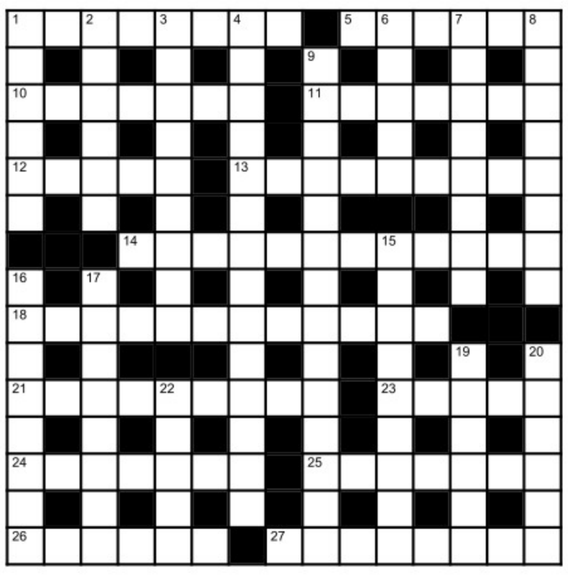

Across

1 Director shortly hiring one to manage cinematographic apparatus (8)
5 Fish is fresh bass and trout (6)
10 Approach century, playing with skill (7)
11 One interfering with Mexico's top drug dealer, beheaded (7)
12 Tenor enthralled by simple rhythm (5)
13 Places for young children to race around on cycle (9)
14 Application by insolent model wanting divorce (12)
18 What to do with football before taking penalty kick to give trouble (3,2,3,4)
21 Manage to acquire launch and go off to travel widely (5-4)
23 Probe a harridan conducting a form of witchcraft (5)
24 Fuss about noisy student wanting fruit (7)
25 Old relatives, briefly on vacation in Japanese prefecture (7)
26 Sick tot held by woman becoming more febrile (6)
27 Problem reviewed, tackled by expert group (8)

Down

1 Worker stealing company man's suit (6)
2 Fancy mineral aggregate turned brown inside (6)
3 Creature over top of hedge, one in disguise? (9)
4 Be sure of misleading hot sirens in deception (3,4,5,2)
6 Unnecessary feud, nuisance to tackle in retrospect (5)
7 Europeans stay with gals in building (8)
8 Punishes harshest criminal (8)
9 Vamps and scamps entertaining a visitor on trips (14)
15 Hold ring up in ceremony to show gemstone (9)
16 Inscription, say, about Greek character playing harp (8)
17 Brawny old con entering caught the eye (5,3)
19 Couch, primarily unclean, covered by a black smear (6)
20 Trail outside hotel in ancient European region (6)
22 Remove erratic seamer leaking many (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Archa and vibhava

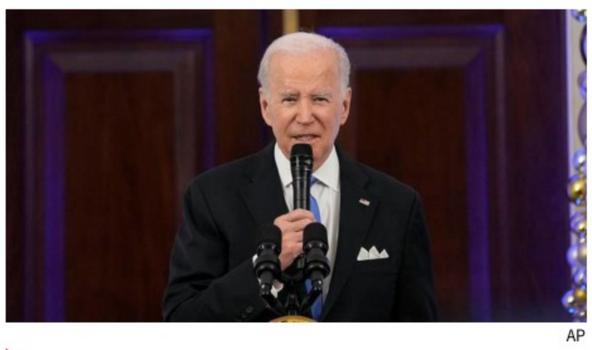
Kooratazhvan begins his Atimanusha stava by referring to the Supremacy of Lord Narayana. From slokas two to five, he talks about Lord Ranganatha of Srirangam, said Elayavilli Sriram, in a discourse. Atimanusha stava is a work in praise of the Lord's vibhava avataras. Ranganatha is an archa form of the Lord. So, why does Kooratazhvan devote some verses to the archa form? It is because even when we praise the archa form, we refer to His deeds in vibhava avataras. For example, there is a pasuram of Thirumangai Azhvar about the deity of Thiruvallikeni temple. Here he refers to the deity as the One who stood before the chariot of the son of Indra. Arjuna was born with the blessings of Indra. Lord Krishna was Arjuna's charioteer during the Kuruskshetra war. So while praising the deity of Thiruvallikeni, Thirumangai Azhvar mentions Lord Krishna's role in the war Arjuna's charioteer. Thus, even when the archa form of the Lord in a divya desam is praised, there is adescription of some leela of His in a vibhava avatara. The deity in the sanctum in Srirangam is said to be Krishna and the processional deity is said to be Rama. So it is only fitting that Kooratazhvan, who describes His vibhava avataras, offers prayers to Ranganatha first.

In sloka 14, he describes the Lord reclining on a small leaf of the banyan tree, after having swallowed the entire Universe. His appearance is that of a small baby (mugdha sishuh). Kooratazhvan is filled with amazement at this feat. The deity of Srivilliputtur is known as Vatapatrasayee, indicating this marvellous deed.

It was this sight of the Lord on a banyan tree leaf that Sage Markandeya was blessed to see.

UNITED STATES

Biden says he 'will not be silent' over rising anti-Semitism



AP

Joe Biden on Monday promised he will not remain silent in the face of growing anti-Semitism in the U.S., as the President hosted a White House reception celebrating Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights. "I recognise your fear, your hurt, your worry that this vile and venom is becoming too normal," Mr. Biden said. AFP

NORTH KOREA

Pyongyang threatens 'resolute' military step against Japan

AP

North Korea threatened on Tuesday to take a "resolute and decisive military step" against Japan while it slammed Tokyo's adoption of a national security strategy as an attempt to turn the country into "an offensive military giant." The North's statement came four days after Japan announced a security strategy. AP

U.K.

Nurses stage second one-day strike demanding better pay

AFP

U.K. nurses on Tuesday staged a second one-day strike amid an increasingly acrimonious fight with the government for better wages. Up to 100,000 members of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland walked out for the first time in the union's 106-year history last Thursday. AFP

UKRAINE

President Zelensky visits Bakhmut, hands out awards to soldiers

AFP

President Volodymyr Zelensky on Tuesday visited Bakhmut, now the epicentre of fighting in Russia's nearly 10-month invasion of Ukraine. Mr. Zelensky met military officials and handed out awards to Ukrainian servicemen, who have been holding back a fierce and months-long Russian military campaign for the city. AFP

U.S. lawmakers call for criminal charges against Donald Trump

The panel investigating the Jan. 6 attacks on the Capitol recommended bringing federal charges against Trump such as incitement of an insurrection, conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and obstruction of an official proceeding of Congress

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Lawmakers investigating last year's assault on the U.S. Capitol recommended on Monday that Donald Trump be charged with multiple offences including insurrection, raising the stakes in a parallel criminal investigation that could put the former President in jail.

The House of Representatives select committee called for the indictment – as well as charges of obstruction of an official proceeding and conspiracy to defraud the U.S. – after an 18-month probe into the storming of Congress on January 6, 2021.

At least five people died after a mob whipped up by Mr. Trump's false claims of a stolen election, and directed to march on Congress by the defeated President, ransacked the seat of U.S. democracy in a thwarted bid to prevent the transfer of power to President Joe Biden.

Time for justice: Members of the House select committee hold their final meeting on the Capitol Hill attack probe in Washington. AP

The bipartisan committee voted unanimously to refer the charges to the Justice Department after opening remarks by vice-chair Liz Cheney in which she accused Mr. Trump of "a clear dereliction of duty" in failing to immediately attempt to stop the riot and called him "unfit for any office".

"No man who would behave that way at that moment in time can ever serve in any position of authority in our nation again," she said.

Symbolic move

The referrals are seen as largely symbolic, as the panel has no control over charging decisions, which rest with the Justice Department. Jack Smith, a largely independent special prosecutor appointed by Attorney-General Merrick Garland, is leading his own investigation into Mr. Trump related to the 2020 election. But the move is nevertheless historic, as Congress has never made a criminal referral against a sitting or former President.

It is also a major blow to Mr. Trump amid a series of missteps in the weeks since he announced a comeback bid for the White House – including the Republicans' poor midterm election showing in States where the tycoon endorsed candidates. Charges could result in a ban from public office for the 76-year-old Republican, who still wields considerable power in the Republican Party, and even prison time.

Mr. Trump has repeatedly disparaged the House panel on his own Truth Social platform, but his only reaction to the latest development was a confusing post that appeared to refer to Ms. Cheney's defeat in a primary contest for November's midterm election. "...But Liz Chaney lost by a record 40 points!" Mr. Trump posted, misspelling the departing congresswoman's surname.

Taliban regime orders nationwide ban on varsity education for Afghan girls

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

The Taliban authorities on Tuesday ordered a nationwide ban on university education for girls, as the hardline Islamists continue to crush Afghan women's right to education and freedom.

Despite promising a softer rule when they seized power last year, the Taliban have ratcheted up restrictions on all aspects of women's lives, ignoring international outrage.

"You all are informed to immediately implement the mentioned order of suspending education of females until further notice," said a letter issued to all government and private universities, signed by the Minister for Higher Education, Neda Mohammad Nadeem. The spokesman for the Ministry, Ziaullah Hashimi, who tweeted the letter, confirmed the order in a text message to *AFP*.

Non-progressive step: Almost three months ago, thousands of Afghan girls and women appeared for university examination. AP

The ban on higher education comes less than three months after thousands of girls and women wrote university entrance exams across the country.

After the takeover by the Taliban, universities were forced to implement new rules including gender segregated classrooms and entrances, while women were only permitted to be taught by women professors or older men.

Pakistan special forces end police station siege by TTP

Agence France-Presse
BANNU

More than 30 men connected to militant groups overpowered their jailors and snatched weapons

An unknown number of hostages were killed Tuesday when Pakistan special forces stormed a police station seized by suspected Pakistan Taliban militants at the weekend, the Defence Minister said.

More than 30 men connected to militant groups including the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) overpowered their jailors on Sunday and snatched weapons. "The operation has successfully been completed," Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif said at a press conference in Islamabad, adding some hostages had "lost their lives". He said the forces moved in when differences broke out between the suspected militants over how to handle the hostages.

The men, who were being held on suspicion of terrorism, had demanded safe passage to Afghanistan in return for releasing the hostages – at least eight police officers and military intelligence officials – Muhammad Ali Saif, a spokesman for the provincial Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, said earlier.

The TTP, separate from the Afghan Taliban but with a similar hardline Islamist ideology, said its members were behind the incident and demanded authorities provide them safe passage.

The police station is within a cantonment area in Bannu, adjacent to Pakistan's formerly self-governed tribal areas and near the border with Afghanistan.

Local schools were ordered shut on Tuesday out of fear of more kidnappings, a senior government official in the district said.

Crematoriums in China 'packed' as COVID-19 cases soar

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Crematoriums across China are straining to deal with an influx of bodies as the country battles a wave of COVID-19 cases that authorities have said is impossible to track.

Cases are soaring across China, with hospitals struggling and pharmacy shelves stripped bare in the wake of the government's sudden decision to lift years of lockdowns, quarantines and mass testing. The United States has warned the outbreak is now of concern to the rest of the world, given the potential for further mutations and the size of China's economy.

From the country's northeast to its southwest, crematorium workers told AFP they are struggling to keep up with a surge in deaths. In Chongqing – a city of 30 million where authorities this week urged people with mild COVID-19 symptoms to go to work – one worker told *AFP* their crematorium had run out of space to keep bodies.

"The number of bodies picked up in recent days is many times more than previously," a staffer said.

Putin says situation in annexed regions is 'extremely difficult'

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday the situation in four territories of Ukraine that Russia claims to have annexed but does not control militarily was "extremely difficult".

Mr. Putin in September announced the annexation of four regions in the east and south of Ukraine after Moscow proxies held referendums there, denounced as a sham by Kyiv and the West. His troops never fully controlled any of the territories and last month were forced to retreat from the regional capital of the southern Kherson region after Ukrainian counteroffensive.

"The situation in the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics, in the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions is extremely difficult," Mr. Putin told the Russian security services on their professional holiday. Singling out those working in the "new regions of Russia", he added that "the people living there, the Russians, rely on you, on your protection".

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
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Opposition reach deal to unseat Fiji PM

Agence France-Presse
SUVA

Ecstatic Fijians poured on to the streets to celebrate the end of Frank Bainimarama's rule, after election opponents reached a deal on Tuesday to form a coalition government.

Former rugby international and coup leader-turned-democrat Sitiveni "Rambo" Rabuka, is set to be the country's next Prime Minister, after securing the support of a minor party and enough seats for a parliamentary majority. "I would like to thank and congratulate the people of Fiji," he said. "They have voted for change."

Former camp secretary, 97, convicted of Nazi crimes

Associated Press
BERLIN

A German court on Tuesday convicted a 97-year-old woman of being an accessory to murder in over 10,000 cases for her role as a secretary to the S.S. commander of the Nazis' Stutthof concentration camp during the Second World War. Irmgard Furchner was accused of being part of the apparatus that helped the camp function. The Itzehoe State court in northern Germany gave her a two-year suspended sentence, German news agency dpa reported.

She was alleged to have "aided and abetted those in charge of the camp in the systematic killing of those imprisoned there between June 1943 and April 1945 in her function as a stenographer and typist in the camp commandant's office."

Irmgard Furchner

The verdict and sentence were in line with prosecutors' demands. Defence lawyers had asked for their client to be acquitted, arguing that the evidence hadn't shown beyond doubt that Furchner knew about the killings at the camp. In her closing statement, Furchner said she was sorry for what had happened and regretted that she had been at Stutthof at the time. Furchner was tried in juvenile court because she was under 21 at the time of the alleged crimes. The defendant tried to skip the start of her trial in September 2021 but was later picked up by police and placed in detention for several days.

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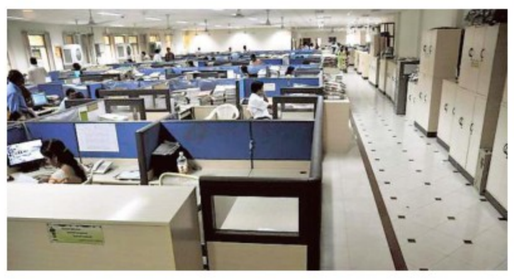

'Office leasing set to rise 52% this year across top 6 cities'

Leasing of office space across six major cities is likely to rise 52% to 50.1 million sq. ft in 2022 on better demand but absorption may fall to 35-38 million sq. ft next year with corporates being cautious, according to Colliers India. According to Colliers' data, the gross leasing of Grade-A (premium) office space in 2022 is expected to rise 52% to 50.1 million sq. ft from 33 million sq. ft last year across six cities - Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi-NCR, Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune. PTI

DTDC, Aramex sign MoU to increase global collaboration

DTDC Express Ltd., an integrated express logistics company offering domestic and international delivery solutions, said it had signed a non-binding MoU with Aramex India to collaborate across multiple avenues to offer service responsive international solutions to its India-based B2B & B2C customers. "Our agreement recognises the strength of DTDC's network and express delivery capabilities," said DTDC founder and CMD Subhasish Chakraborty.

Spend management firm Zaggle files IPO papers

Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd., which is into spend management, has filed a draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with markets regulator SEBI for an initial public offering (IPO). The firm plans to raise funds through the IPO with a face value of ₹1 each. The offer comprises fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹490 crore and an offer for sale aggregating up to 1,05,26,316 equity shares by promoter selling shareholders and investor selling shareholders.

'Outlook darkening globally, local factors spur India's growth'

Global inflation appears to be down but 'not out', note RBI officials citing unease over energy, food prices; debt costs bite into consumer spending

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Silver lining

A darkening global outlook for 2023 is offset by signs suggesting India's economy may be propelled by local growth drivers

- Waning input cost pressures, uptick in fixed asset investments point to upturn in capex cycle
- Activity Index based on 15 high frequency indicators show activity at pre-pandemic levels; nowcast pegs Q3 real GDP growth at 4.3%
- With global central banks in no mood to ease off, disinflation set to become painful, RBI officials warn

The balance of risks is increasingly tilted towards a darkening global outlook and emerging market economies (EMEs) appear to be more vulnerable, even though incoming data suggest that global inflation may have peaked, Reserve Bank of India officials led by Deputy Governor Michael D. Patra wrote in an article in the December edition of the RBI Bulletin.

Assessing the 'State of the Economy', they observed that the near-term growth outlook for the Indian economy was supported by domestic drivers as reflected in trends in high frequency indicators.

"Equity markets touched a string of new highs during November buoyed by strong portfolio flows to India. Headline inflation moderated by 90 basis points to 5.9% in November driven by a fall in vegetables prices even as core inflation remained steady at 6%," they wrote in the article.

"Waning input cost pressures, still buoyant corporate sales and turnup in investments in fixed assets are heralding the beginning of an upturn in the capex cycle in India which will contribute to a speeding up of growth momentum in the Indian economy," they added.

'Stubborn at its core'

However, from a global perspective, while "inflation may be slightly down, but it is certainly not out. If anything, it has broadened and become stubborn, especially at its core," they cautioned. "An unease hangs over energy prices: for now, OPEC plus stayed its hand in cutting production, but an oil price cap threatens to unleash disruptive financial forces, with hedge funds already cutting net long positions in crude contracts. Despite moderation in global commodity markets, climate change and the war in Ukraine are set to keep food prices at higher than pre-pandemic levels."

Observing that major developed economy central banks appeared to be in "no mood to ease off in their fight against inflation", they warned that "disinflation" was about to become painful.

"Financial conditions, and especially borrowing costs, are biting into discretionary consumer spending and housing demand, and stalling investment in new capacity creation. With every passing day, the balance of risks gets increasingly tilted towards a darkening global outlook for 2023, the year that will bear the brunt of monetary policy actions of this year," they noted.

On the domestic front, they said the OECD had in November noted that India was the only major economy that may post growth above 5.5% in 2023, 2024.

Citing an Activity Index based on a set of 15 high frequency indicators that showed activity remained above pre-pandemic levels they said, "our latest nowcast places real GDP growth at 4.3% for Q3".

SEBI ratifies phasing out of buybacks via stock exchanges

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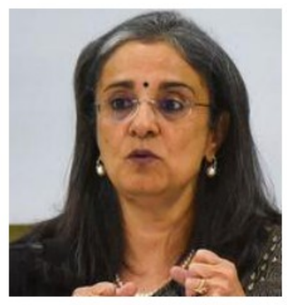

Madhabi Puri Buch

The board of markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Tuesday approved the gradual phasing out of share buyback by companies through the stock exchanges route.

SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said the regulator had chosen the tender offer route for share buyback as the present mode is vulnerable to favouritism.

The board also approved the increase in minimum utilisation of the amount earmarked for a buyback through stock exchanges from the existing 50% to 75%.

It also made provision for creation of a separate window on the stock exchanges for undertaking buybacks till the time such buyback is permitted.

For buyback via tender offers, the SEBI board approved the reduction in timeline for completion of buyback by 18 days, by removing the requirement of filing of draft letters of offer with SEBI and waiting for observations thereafter.

SEBI also permitted upward revisions in buyback price till one working day prior to the record date.

The board allowed the introduction of a framework to facilitate 'execution only platform' for direct plans of mutual fund schemes.

SEBI decided to amend governance norms for market infrastructure institutions, including categorising their functions into three verticals.

The regulatory changes are expected to bring in "greater transparency and accountability" in the functioning of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), SEBI said after its board meeting here.

The changes had been finalised after a comprehensive review of the governance of MIIs – stock exchanges, clearing corporations and depositories.

'PIDs with expertise'

SEBI said MIIs must appoint Public Interest Directors with expertise in technology, law and regulation, finance and accounts and capital markets.

SEBI also approved strengthening the framework for green bonds by introducing the concept of blue bonds and yellow bonds as new modes of sustainable finance. The concept of blue bonds is related to water management and the marine sector, while yellow bonds pertain to solar energy. These are sub-categories of green debt securities.

(With PTI inputs)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	61,702	-0.17
US Dollar	82.70	-0.09
Gold	54,740	0.16
Brent oil	79.37	-0.03

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	4165.30	90.00
Adani Ports	884.25	-8.60
Apollo Hosp	4596.65	-13.80
Asian Paints	3082.15	1.20
Axis Bank	949.75	3.55
Bajaj Auto	3613.60	-16.15
Bajaj Finserv	1615.65	-3.40
Bajaj Finance	6642.85	-44.15
Bharti Airtel	828.95	-11.45
BPCL	340.25	-1.05
Britannia Ind	4509.05	-17.45
Cipla	1091.15	-5.50
Coal India	226.10	-1.20
Divis Lab	3351.55	5.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4369.75	-26.30
Eicher Motors	3313.45	-75.45
Grasim Ind	1758.95	-6.85
HCL Tech	1029.70	-3.55
HDFC	2700.30	-10.25
HDFC Bank	1633.40	-11.35
HDFC Life	579.80	-4.65
Hero MotoCorp	2772.55	-8.05
Hindalco	457.05	-3.10
Hind Unilever	2674.55	-43.55
ICICI Bank	909.70	3.25
IndusInd Bank	1228.65	5.10
Infosys	1507.30	-0.05
ITC	340.15	-0.35
JSW Steel	745.80	-3.65
Kotak Bank	1847.10	-11.05
L&T	2163.25	-20.75
M&M	1275.25	-15.40
Maruti Suzuki	8524.35	-79.50
NestleIndia	20135.55	53.90
NTPC	169.75	-2.05
ONGC	145.85	0.05
PowerGrid Corp	217.30	-1.60
Reliance Ind	2621.80	22.50
SBI Life	1231.25	-36.25
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TataConsumerProduct	808.30	-0.55
Tata Motors	410.50	-7.50
Tata Steel	110.95	-0.85
TCS	3243.95	41.90
Tech Mahindra	1017.95	-8.75
Titan	2508.15	-13.65
UltraTech Cement	7098.00	22.00
UPL	754.85	-15.30
Wipro	388.95	-0.10

EXCHANGE RATES

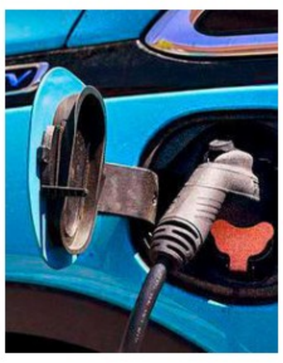
Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 20

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.56	82.88
Euro	87.80	88.14
British Pound	100.36	100.75
Japanese Yen (100)	62.28	62.53
Chinese Yuan	11.85	11.90
Swiss Franc	89.04	89.43
Singapore Dollar	61.09	61.34
Canadian Dollar	60.59	60.84
Malaysian Ringitt	18.61	18.70
Australian Dollar	55.18	55.40

Source:Indian Bank

Govt. probes possible misappropriation of sops by EV makers

Reuters
NEW DELHI



India is investigating the possible misappropriation of incentives given to electric vehicle (EV) makers under a ₹100-billion programme to promote their faster adoption, Minister for Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey told Parliament on Tuesday.

Complaints were made against 12 firms, including Hero Electric Vehicles Pvt. Ltd. and Okinawa Autotech Pvt. Ltd., for violating guidelines, he said.

Other firms were Benling India Energy and Technology Pvt. Ltd., Okaya Ev Pvt. Ltd., Jitendra New Ev Tech Pvt. Ltd., Greaves Electric Mobility Pvt. Ltd., Revolt Intellicorp Pvt. Ltd., Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd., Avon Cycles Ltd., Lohia Auto Industries, Thukral Electric Bikes Pvt. Ltd. and Victory Electric Vehicles International Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Pandey said two EV makers had been suspended from taking incentives under the scheme. He did not name the two firms.

'Uniform tax on all cars will not augur well for industry'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The regulatory burden is the highest on small cars, a key segment of the Indian automobile industry and having a uniform tax structure across all segments of vehicles will not augur well for the sector growth, said Maruti Suzuki India chairman R.C. Bhargava.

He, however, said for electric cars, GST had been kept at 5% "whether it's a small electric car or big electric car. There's no differential tax rate there. So, there is already that uniform taxation happening."

He also lamented that the auto sector continued to be heavily taxed, which in a way had affected the growth of the industry.

RBI finds ₹259-crore divergence in CUB's NPA provisioning

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has found divergence of ₹259 crore in provisioning of gross non-performing assets by City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) for FY22.

The RBI conducted onsite Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation for FY22 from October 7 to November 18 and the final meeting concluded on December 19, the private sector lender said in a regulatory filing with the exchanges.

CUB said the divergence was to the tune of ₹259 crore consisting of 13 borrower accounts (outstanding balance of more than ₹1 crore) for an amount of ₹230 crore and 218 borrowers (outstanding balance of less than ₹1 crore) for an amount of ₹29 crore.

Out of the above, four accounts constituting ₹60.41 crore and one account with a balance of ₹36 lakh, in the two abovementioned categories, respectively, have already been classified as NPA during the first half-year ended September 30.

As on date, two accounts totalling ₹4.07 crore and 55 accounts for ₹9 crore, in the two categories, respectively, stand closed, the lender said.

The divergence in provisioning, as per the filing, was ₹40 crore. The adjusted (notional) net profit for FY22 after taking into account the divergence in provisioning is ₹719 crore against ₹760 crore.

Fitch retains India rating at BBB-, cites robust outlook

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Fitch Ratings on Tuesday retained its rating for India at 'BBB-' with a stable outlook, even as it expected a modest 'fiscal slippage' this year from the central government's fiscal deficit target of 6.4% to GDP to 6.6%, due to higher food and fertilizer subsidies.

Despite the slippage, Fitch said it expected India's general government deficit to fall slightly to 9.6% of GDP in 2022-23, from 9.8% last year.

This is lower than the 10.5% of GDP the global rating major had forecast in June, and was 'largely because State deficits have declined much faster than we anticipated'.

Shyam Metalics buys out Mittal Corp., to invest ₹10,000 crore

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Brij Bhushan Agarwal

Shyam Metalics and Energy Ltd. (SMEL) on Tuesday announced its acquisition of Mittal Corp. Ltd. and said once complete, the ₹450-crore purchase would strengthen its operations.

SMEL said in a statement that the acquisition would help extend its manufacturing footprint in Madhya Pradesh and "will add capacities of 1,50,000 TPA stainless steel (SS) / wire rod and bar mill business".

The acquisition of the plant, already manufacturing steel for the defence sector and the construction industry, would create value in the firm's new product range, said SMEL vice-chairman and MD Brij Bhushan Agarwal. Capital expenditure would grow to ₹10,000 crore over 4-5 years to help meet organic and inorganic growth plans via internal accruals, he added. "We had announced a capex of ₹3,900 crore; we are increasing the proposed amount to ₹10,000 crore," he said.

Apollo Tyres says to raise green energy share to 25%

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Apollo Tyres Ltd. (ATL) has committed to increase its use of renewable energy in total power from 10% now to 25% by 2026.

With the Andhra Pradesh unit running only on biomass, ATL had 'accelerated its journey towards renewable energy usage across operations and its move away from fossil fuels', it said. The Chennai plant receives 40 million units from its solar power investment; the Vadodara facility has captive solar and wind energy capacity.

Sundaram Finance, Care Health enter corporate agency pact

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The products will be offered in the retail and group segments to Sundaram Finance's customers, the company said

Sundaram Finance Ltd. has entered into a corporate agency agreement with Care Health Insurance to offer the latter's specialised and innovative range of health insurance solutions.

"The pandemic has brought about a paradigm shift in the insurance industry and health insurance solutions have become a must-have option for Indian households," Rajiv Lochan, MD, Sundaram Finance, said in a statement. "We are eager to play our part in securing the health and wellness of our customers," he added.

Under the agreement, the products will be offered in the retail and group segments to Sundaram Finance's customers, who can have their diverse insurance needs addressed under one umbrella, according to the company's statement.

Radiant Cash Management Services unveils IPO

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Radiant Cash Management Services Ltd., an integrated cash logistics player, has announced an initial public offering (IPO) in the price band of ₹94 to ₹99 per equity share.

The IPO will open on December 23 for subscription and close on December 27. Investors can bid for a minimum of 150 equity shares and in multiples of 150 thereafter. The IPO comprises fresh issue of up to ₹60 crore and an OFS of 33,125,000 equity shares by existing shareholders.

Government said to plan tax waivers for IDBI Bank buyer

Reuters

The Centre is likely to waive some tax norms for the buyer of IDBI Bank in a bid to attract more suitors for a majority stake sale in the lender, two government sources said on Tuesday, after the Centre extended the deadline for initial bids.

The finance ministry is looking to relax a tax clause, which would require the buyer of IDBI Bank to pay additional tax if the share price rises post the final bid, one of the officials said.

Share prices tend to increase after financial bids are invited by the government, the official said, noting that it would be "unfair" to ask the new buyer to pay tax on an increase in price from the time bids are placed to the closure of transaction.

In case the share prices of IDBI Bank increase after financial bids are formally placed, the difference in share price may be considered as "other income" for the buyer as per tax laws, explained Om Rajpurohit, a partner at tax firm AMRG & Associates. "This will be taxable at 30% plus a surcharge and cess," he added. The government's planned tax waiver will allow a potential buyer to avoid this levy.

Last week, it extended the deadline for submitting initial bids until January 7.

Once the government receives initial bids expressing interest from buyers, the RBI would vet them to see if they meet the central bank's "fit and proper" criteria. The finance ministry did not immediately reply to requests seeking comment.

Japan's OYC sets up facility in Maharashtra for ₹900 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Japan's Oriental Yeast Company (OYC) has invested ₹900 crore in India through its subsidiary to set up a yeast manufacturing plant in Khandala MIDC, Satara in Maharashtra.

The state-of-the-art facility by Oriental Yeast India (OYI) has installed a capacity of 33,000 million tonnes of fresh yeast in Phase I of its operations and caters to the growth of the bakery industry in India, the company said in a statement.

Argentina's World Cup winners arrive home to hero's welcome

Joyous fans sang to the beat of a drum and fireworks lit up the sky as the bus carrying Messi's men slowly wound its way through the crowd; the Argentine capital had been in party mode since the dramatic shootout victory over France in Sunday's final

Basking in glory: Messi and teammates, who brought the Cup back after 36 years, receive a rousing reception. GETTY IMAGES

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BUENOS AIRES

Thousands of ecstatic fans gave Argentina's football squad a hero's welcome here in the early hours before dawn on Tuesday after the aircraft carrying Lionel Messi and his World Cup-winning teammates touched down at Ezeiza Airport.

The Argentine capital has been in party mode since the dramatic victory over France in Sunday's final, which gave the country its first World Cup triumph since Diego Maradona hoisted the trophy 36 years ago. The players, wearing their gold winner's medals around their necks and taking turns to hold the World Cup trophy aloft, waved at fans from an open-top bus as the lights from thousands of mobile phones sparkled and flags fluttered in the crowd.

Joyous fans sang to the beat of a drum and fireworks lit up the sky as the bus slowly wound its way through the crowd.

"Good morning!" Messi said on Tuesday in an Instagram post in which he could be seen sleeping in his room at the AFA complex next to the golden trophy.

Local media estimated that there were already more than 100,000 people waiting for the players at the Obeliso by mid-morning, with more crowds joining from streets on all sides.

Thousands had tracked the plane, the state airline Aerolineas Argentinas AR1915, all the way from Doha and a stop-off in Rome.

'Great pleasure to see so many French people proud'

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Supporters packed a square in central Paris on Monday to give a rousing welcome to the French football team despite their loss to Argentina in a nail-biting World Cup final.

Fans filled the Place de la Concorde in central Paris to welcome the team which was driven straight to the square from the airport after touching down from Qatar.

Despite their disappointment, all 24 French players, including striker Kylian Mbappe whose hat-trick failed to bring France glory, appeared on the balcony in regal style to acknowledge the applause.

Warms the heart

"Frankly, it's magnificent, it warms the heart, it's a great pleasure to see that we were able to make so many French people proud and happy," said forward Marcus Thuram.

"We wanted to see them (the fans) on our return from Doha because I think it's the least we can do to come and see them and thank them for their support," he added.

Goalkeeper and captain Hugo Lloris said that it was a chance to "greet them (the fans), to thank them for their support and, after Sunday's pain, to seek their consolation."

Supporters had been kept guessing for most of the day about whether the disappointed players would travel to central Paris to meet and greet them.

A total of 24.08 million people watched the summit clash on Sunday on TF1 television, an all-time record audience for a French network, the channel said.

Regal: The France team was driven straight to a packed Place de la Concorde from the airport to meet the fans. AFP

Harris, Gardner in full flow as Australia wins series 4-1

Stroke-filled: Gardner smashed 11 fours and a six in her unbeaten 32-ball 66. EMMANUAL YOGINI

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
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It was carnage.

Grace Harris (64 not out, 35b, 6x4, 4x6) and Ashleigh Gardner (66 not out, 32b, 11x4, 1x6) ruthlessly destroyed the Indian bowling attack to set up a 54-run win for Australia in the final T20I at the Brabourne Stadium here on Tuesday. The Aussies won the series 4-1.

It was an astonishing display of brutal hitting that one wouldn't often witness in women's cricket. After Harris and Gardner's pyrotechnics piloted Australia to 196 for four, India, which lost Smriti Mandhana to the fourth ball, never really threatened to chase down that score. Only Deepti Sharma went past 25 and was the last to get out (53, 34b, 8x4, 1x6). Seamer Heather Graham took four for eight, including a hat-trick, as India was bowled out for 142 off the final ball.

Earlier, many of Harris' sixes cleared the ropes by some distance – like the one she smashed over deep midwicket off a full toss, from outside the off-stump, by Renuka Singh. And this was from a bowler who had bowled a maiden earlier on. It was as if Harris and Gardner had turned the Indian bowlers from being a little dominant to absolutely clueless in the blink of an eye.

Australia could make only 42 for two in the PowerPlay. Beth Mooney played on to Anjali Sarvani, the left-arm seamer who has made an impression in her debut series.

Phoebe Litchfield, who stylishly straight drove the second ball she faced in international cricket, was stumped by Richa Ghosh off the clever Deepti. Tahlia McGrath, captaining the side in the absence of the injured Alyssa Healy, fell in similar fashion to another off-spinner – Shafali Verma.

When the in-form Ellyse Perry holed out to long-on off Devika Vaidya, Australia slid to 67 for four and just 10.2 overs remained at that stage. But that was more than what Harris and Gardner needed to bat the hosts out of the game as they added 129 for the unbroken fifth wicket off just 62 balls.

The scores: Australia 196/4 in 20 overs (Tahlia McGrath 26, Ashleigh Gardner 66 n.o., Grace Harris 64 n.o.) bt India 142 in 20 overs (Deepti Sharma 53, Gardner 2/20, Heather Graham 4/8, including a hat-trick); **Toss:** India. **Player-of-the-match and series:** Gardner.

Australia won series 4-1.

Gifted Gill out to carve a niche and a permanent spot

N. Sudarshan
MIRPUR

Ever since Shubman Gill was adjudged the player of the tournament at the 2018 Under-19 World Cup, he has been marked out for success. The raw talent was all too apparent and the adulation he received for his batting elegance didn't seem out of place even in an era where the haziest of verses and whispers of tunes are glorified.

Over the next four years even as the critical press examined that talent with sterner eyes, Gill has come out with flying colours.

Rare breed: Gill is majestic and tranquil, both at once, and can shift gears seamlessly. AP

Setting the tempo

His debut Test tour was to Australia in 2020-21, which he marked with a tempo-setting 91 in Brisbane against an attack comprising Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Pat Cummins and Nathan Lyon as India chased down 328 for one of its greatest wins.

His maiden Test century in the first Test against Bangladesh on a slow turner at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram last week was a reiteration of that abundant talent.

Gill's greatest gift is that he cannot be pigeon-holed easily into any of the three existing formats of the game. He rarely thrashes or slogs but fashions a stroke more than a shot. It is tough to spot the disdain he may have for bowlers, for it is sugar-coated. He is majestic and tranquil, both at once. He is adaptable and can shift gears seamlessly, making him a consummate generalist in a world of specialists.

In the hundred against Bangladesh, he was on 17 off 54 balls before finishing on 110 from 152.

Back in May in the IPL playing for Gujarat Titans, he carried the bat against Lucknow Super Giants, scoring 63 from 49 balls on a deceptively two-paced pitch with uncomfortable bounce. No other batter crossed 30. The innings ensured a spot for the Titans in the playoffs.

"It is all about pacing the innings and knowing when to attack," Gill told the host broadcaster after the Chattogram century. "Because the bowlers are going to get tired after a particular period of time. As a batter you have to know when is the right time to attack. For me it was all about how I can play according to the field, see where they are trying to bowl and score runs."

It's a pity that a batter of such high calibre doesn't have an assured place in the side.

All but one of his 23 Test innings have come in the top-two when a regular opener has been unavailable. Long fashioned as a middle-order bat, that space has shrunk too with the return to form of Cheteshwar Pujara.

But that hasn't stopped yesteryear greats from gushing that Gill would be the next great Indian batter after Virat Kohli. That's high praise and perhaps a tad too soon. But it is a fact that the shadows of Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar and Kohli are eternal on Indian cricket. It will be up to Gill to carve a niche.

NEW RECORD

Messi's World Cup Instagram post is most-liked ever

A post by Lionel Messi, featuring a gallery of pictures after the triumph, has become the most-liked post ever on Instagram, with over 62 million likes (and counting!). It surpassed the "World Record Egg", which has recorded more than 56.2 million likes till date.

UNSATISFACTORY

ICC gives below average rating to Gabba pitch

The ICC on Tuesday gave a below average rating to the Brisbane pitch after the first Test between Australia and South Africa ended in two days. ICC match referee Richie Richardson said: "The pitch for this Test match was too much in favour of the bowlers. There was extra bounce."

CLIMBING THE LADDER

Richa Ghosh gains four places in ICC women's T20 rankings

Fresh from her 19-ball unbeaten 40 in the fourth T20I against Australia, India's wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh has gained four places in the ICC women's T20I ranking for batters to reach 40th position. India's Deepti Sharma moved up a place to 32nd spot.

STAR ATTRACTION

Ram-Salisbury duo to play at Tata Open Maharashtra

Rohan Bopanna will team up with Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp while Ramkumar Ramanathan will join hands with Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela at the Tata Open Maharashtra in Pune from January 2 to 7. Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury will feature in the doubles draw.

OUT AGAIN

Rohit fails to recover, ruled out of second Test too

Rohit Sharma has been ruled out of the second Test against Bangladesh in Mirpur from Thursday. He had missed the first Test due to a thumb injury he sustained in the second ODI. Navdeep Saini, who had replaced Mohd. Shami, is also out with an abdominal muscle strain.

INBRIEF

Satwik and Chirag achieve career-best No. 5 ranking

The Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty reached a career-best world No. 5 while H.S. Prannoy regained his place in the top 10 in men's singles in the BWF World rankings issued on Tuesday. Lakshya Sen continued to be the best-placed Indian at No. 7 while K. Srikanth gained a rung to the 11th position. P.V. Sindhu continued to hold on to the No. 6 position in women's singles while the women's doubles combination of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly climbed two places to 18.

Hardik, Surya and Shreyas set for contract upgrade

Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya and Shreyas Iyer are set to be promoted in the BCCI's list of centrally contracted cricketers for 2022-23. The list is set to be ratified by the BCCI's apex council during a virtual meeting on Wednesday evening. The trio has been among India's standout performers in various formats over the last 12 months. As a result, all three are set to be promoted from Grade C (₹ 1 crore) to Grade B (₹ 3 crore). Should Hardik be promoted to Grade A (₹5 crore) retainer category, it may be a sign for his elevation as India's permanent T20I captain later in the year.

Churchill Brothers thrashes TRAU FC 6-1 in I-League

Abdoulaye Sane struck twice as Churchill Brothers routed TRAU FC 6-1 in the I-League in Vasco on Tuesday. Abdoulaye Sane (fourth, 34th), Tana (35th), Kamo Stephane Bayi (90+4th) and Anil Rama Gaonkar (45+3rd) scored for Churchill, while Naresh Singh (89th) had an own goal to help Churchill's cause. Bikash Singh (20th) scored the solitary goal for TRAU.

Karnataka enters last four in Cooch Behar Trophy

Karnataka defeated Saurashtra by 40 runs in the quarterfinal of the BCCI under-19 Cooch Behar Trophy at Mysuru. Karnataka will face Vidarbha in the semifinal at Nagpur.

The scores: Karnataka 273 in 112.1 overs (Rohan Yareshimi 28, Yashovardhan Parantap 114, Aashish Mahesh 36, Hardik Raj 66, Tirthkajsinh Jadeja 4/98, Maurya Ghoghari 3/32) & 177 in 96.5 overs (Swaroop Hipparagi 29, Prakhar Chaturvedi 65, Dhruv Prabhakar 25, Maurya Ghoghari 5/40) bt Saurashtra 211 in 69.4 overs (Manav Chothani 80, Karnav Rathod 34, Mann Bhatt 28, Aaditya Nair 5/34) and 199 in 67.1 overs (Raxit Mehta 104, Tirthkajsinh Jadeja 32, Karnav Rathod 33, Hardik Raj 3/54, Dhruv Prabhakar 3/35).

Sudeva Delhi fined ₹60,000 for fielding ineligible player

The All India Football Federation's (AIFF) disciplinary committee has imposed a fine of ₹60,000 on Sudeva Delhi FC for fielding an ineligible player in its I-League match against Mumbai Kenkre. The match had ended 2-1 in favour of Mumbai Kenkre. However, Kenkre has been awarded a 3-0 verdict by the disciplinary committee owing to multiple violations by Sudeva.

Ashmitha & Hosoki enter doubles quarterfinals

Ashmitha Easwaramurthi made the doubles quarterfinals with Yuka Hosoki of Japan, as they defeated Muhan Cui and Taleia Tuatao 6-1, 6-0 in the $25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Tauranga, New Zealand. Meanwhile, third seed Tavish Pahwa went 3-6, 6-4, 2-6 to top seed Taiki Takizawa of Australia in the match for the third place in the Orange Bowl under-12 tournament in Florida.

The results: $25,000 ITF women, Tauranga: First round: Jade Otway (Nzl) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi 6-1, 6-1;
Doubles: Yuka Hosoki (Jpn) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi bt Muhan Cui & Taleia Tuatao (Nzl) 6-1, 6-0.
Orange Bowl, Florida: U-12 (third place): Taiki Takizawa (Aus) bt Tavish Pahwa 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 & 7 p.m.
World Tennis League: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 p.m.

Karnataka pacers combine to restrict Puducherry to 170

Kaverappa, More, Vijayakumar expose the flaw in the technique of the batters, skipper Rohit offers resistance top-scoring with 44

RANJI TROPHY

Achal Ashwin
BENGALURU

A fine bowling performance from the Karnataka pacers helped the home side dominate proceedings on the opening day of its Ranji Trophy encounter against Puducherry here on Tuesday.

Vidwath Kaverappa (4/52), Ronit More (2/34) and Vyshak Vijaykumar (3/39) got among the wickets to bowl Puducherry out for 170.

Karnataka openers R. Samarth (59 batting, 97b, 9x4) and Mayank Agarwal (51, 91b, 5x4, 1x6) took a patient approach to tighten the grip on the visitor. The duo held firm for 31.1 overs, before Mayank was dismissed by left-arm spinner Ankit Sharma. Karnataka finished the day on a comfortable 111 for one.

Kaverappa's brilliant start to his first-class career continued. The pacer relentlessly attacked the off stump to take his second four-for in four matches. He sent back Paras Dogra with a peach, shaping the ball away from middle to take the edge.

Kaverappa stated that keeping an attacking line is his strength.

"I've always been a bowler who keeps it on off stump. I'm not known for my pace," Kaverappa said.

The 23-year-old added that he is in the mould of Australian fast bowler Josh Hazlewood.

More and Vijaykumar, both of whom struggled in Karnataka's previous outing, put on an improved show. The duo kept it full, tempting the batters to have a flash.

The Puducherry batters could not help but play away from the body, keeping the wicketkeeper and slip fielders interested.

D. Rohit (44) offered some resistance, but at the stroke of lunch, Vijaykumar got the captain to slash one to Vishal Onat at third slip.

Arun Karthick, another experienced hand, was taken by 'keeper B.R. Sharath down the leg side. An unhappy Karthick indicated that the ball had clipped the pad.

Relentless: Karnataka bowler Vidwath Kaverappa continues his fine start to his domestic career taking his second four-four in four matches. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The scores:
Puducherry —1st innings: Neyan Kangayan lbw b Kaverappa 0, K. Aravind c Pandey b Kaverappa 20, Jay Pande c Pandey b More 11, Paras Dogra c Sharath b Kaverappa 9, D. Rohit c Onat b Vyshak 44, Arun Karthick c Sharath b Vyshak 16, Ankit Sharma c Shreyas b More 11, M. Viknesh c Sharath b Vyshak 8, S. Ashwath (not out) 20, Sagar Udeshi c Mayank b Kaverappa 19, Abin Mathew lbw b Gopal 2; Extras (lb-10): 10; Total (in 54 overs): 170.
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-31, 3-36, 4-73, 5-101, 6-110, 7-128, 8-133, 9-163.
Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 16-3-52-4, More 12-1-34-2, Vyshak 13-4-39-3, Gowtham 11-2-30-0, Shreyas 2-1-5-1.
Karnataka - 1st innings: R. Samarth (batting) 59, Mayank Agarwal c Karthick b Ankit 51, Ronit More (batting) 0; Extras (nb-1): 1; Total (for one wicket, in 32 overs): 111.
Fall of wicket: 1-111.
Puducherry bowling: Ashwath 11-3-34-0, Mathew 8-2-23-0, Udeshi 8-1-25-0, Viknesh 3-0-21-0, Ankit 2-1-8-1.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES (ROUND TWO, DAY ONE)

Elite: Group-A: At Sovima: Uttar Pradesh 400/3 in 90 overs (Madhav Kaushik 107, Dhruv Jurel 194 batting, Rinku Singh 58 batting) vs. Nagaland. **Toss:** Nagaland.
At Kolkata: Bengal 310/9 in 78 overs (Anustup Majumdar 159 batting, Shahbaz Ahmed 49, Sidharth Sharma 5/69) vs. Himachal Pradesh. **Toss:** H.P.
At Dehradun: Odisha 213 in 76.1 overs (Biplab Samantray 46, Kartik Biswal 48, Swapnil Singh 4/48) vs. Uttarakhand 4/0 in 4 overs. **Toss:** Uttarakhand.
At Vadodara: Baroda 370/2 in 90 overs (Jyotsnil Singh 186 batting, Pratyush Kumar 110, Vishnu Solanki 60 batting) vs. Haryana. **Toss:** Haryana.
Group-B: At Guwahati: Delhi 271/7 in 81 overs (Dhruv Shorey 139 batting, Vaibhav Rawal 43) vs. Assam. **Toss:** Assam.
At Rajkot: Maharashtra 253/2 in 89 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 65, Naushad Shaikh 93 batting, Ankit Bawne 61 batting) vs. Saurashtra. **Toss:** Saurashtra.
At Coimbatore: Andhra 277/5 in 90 overs (Abhishek Reddy 85, Ricky Bhui 68, Karan Shinde 55 batting) vs. Tamil Nadu. **Toss:** Andhra.
At Mumbai: Mumbai 457/3 in 90 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 162, Suryakumar Yadav 90, Ajinkya Rahane 139 batting, Sarfaraz Khan 40 batting) vs. Hyderabad. **Toss:** Hyderabad.
Group-C: At Jamshedpur: Jharkhand 280/4 in 90 overs (Kumar Suraj 48, Saurabh Tiwary 65 batting, Kumar Kushagra 60 batting) vs. Goa. **Toss:** Jharkhand.
At Delhi: Services 213 in 60.1 overs (Anshul Gupta 71, Devender Lochab 53, Ravi Kiran 5/44) vs. Chhattisgarh 9/0 in 3 overs. **Toss:** Services.
At Bengaluru: Pondicherry 170 in 54 overs (Damodaran Rohit 44, Vidwath Kaverappa 4/52) vs. Karnataka 111/1 in 32 overs (Ravikumar Samarth 59 batting, Mayank Agarwal 51). **Toss:** Karnataka.
At Jaipur: Rajasthan 310/5 in 87 overs (Yash Kothari 58, Deepak Hooda 133, Salman Khan 62 batting) vs. Kerala. **Toss:** Kerala.
Group-D: At Indore: Madhya Pradesh 289/7 in 88 overs (Yash Dubey 44, Rajat Patidar 88, Akshat Raghuwanshi 65 batting, Sandeep Sharma 5/81) vs. Chandigarh. **Toss:** M.P..
At Ahmedabad: Gujarat 267/6 in 90 overs (Kathan Patel 54, Priyank Panchal 52, Saurav Chauhan 73) vs. Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). **Toss:** Gujarat.
At Rajkot: Maharashtra 253/2 in 89 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 65, Naushad Shaikh 93 batting, Ankit Bawne 61 batting) vs. Saurashtra. **Toss:** Saurashtra.
At Nagpur: Vidarbha 264 in 83.3 overs (Atharva Taide 53, Akshay Wadkar 43, Apoorv Wankhade 47, Ajay Sarkar 6/74) vs. Tripura 3/0 in 2 overs. **Toss:** Vidarbha.
At Delhi: Punjab 162 in 48.1 overs (Adarsh Singh 5/65) vs. Railways 77/7 in 30 overs (Baltej Singh 4/29). **Toss:** Railways.
Plate: At Shillong: Sikkim 140 in 59 overs (Rajesh Bishnoi 4/28) vs. Meghalaya 46/3 in 16 overs. **Toss:** Sikkim.
At Anand: Arunachal Pradesh 63 in 30.4 overs (Remruatdika Ralte 4/21, Taruwar Kohli 4/2) vs. Mizoram 191/5 in 54 overs (Taruwar Kohli 90 batting, Shreevats Goswami 50). **Toss:** Mizoram.
At Ahmedabad: Bihar 293/7 in 91 overs (Babul Kumar 156, Rex Rajkumar 4/54) vs. Manipur. **Toss:** Bihar.

England completes a historic clean sweep

Agence France-Presse
KARACHI

England beat Pakistan by eight wickets in the third and final Test on Tuesday to sweep the series 3-0 and hand the Pakistanis their first home whitewash.

Resuming on 112 for two, England reached the modest 167-run target in just 38 minutes, with Ben Duckett and Ben Stokes finishing unbeaten on 82 and 35 respectively.

England had won the first Test in Rawalpindi by 74 runs and the second in Multan by 26 runs.

This was England's first Test tour of Pakistan since 2005, having refused to tour the South Asian country in the years since because of security concerns.

Mission accomplished: The victorious England team. AP

Duckett cracked his 12th boundary off fast bowler Mohammad Wasim to seal the victory on the fourth day, with England finishing on 170 for two.

Agha Salman dropped Stokes off spinner Abrar Ahmed with the English captain on 22 and just 19 needed for victory. With nine wins in its last 10 matches, England has vindicated its newly adopted freewheeling approach to Test cricket dubbed "Bazball", after the nickname of coach Brendon McCullum.

McCullum and Stokes took charge of a misfiring side in May that had won just one of their previous 17 Tests, including a 4-0 humiliation in the Ashes in Australia.

England played power-packed cricket right from the start of the Pakistan tour, smashing 506 for four to set a record for the most team runs on the opening day of a Test.

The scores: Pakistan 304 & 216 lost to England 354 & 170/2 in 281. overs (Zak Crawley 41, Ben Duckett 82 n.o.) by eight wickets to lose the series 0-3. **MoM & MoS:** Harry Brook.

Delhi to host IBA women's worlds from March 15

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NEW DELHI

The 2023 women's World boxing championships will take place from March 15 to 31 as India gears up to host the biennial event for the third time.

Since the inception in 2001, the event has been held twice in India previously in 2006 and 2018, both in the capital.

India has also hosted the women's youth Worlds in 2017 in Guwahati.

Nikhat and Simranjit brook no resistance

Sports Bureau

Reigning World champion Nikhat Zareen (50kg) and World Championships bronze medallist Simranjit Kaur (60kg) recorded convincing wins on the opening day of the National women's boxing in Bhopal on Tuesday.

Nikhat comfortably went past L.K. Abinaya in a round of 32 bout as the referee stopped the contest in her opener.

She will meet Meghalaya's Eva Marbaniang in the next round.

Simranjit outclassed Nilzaya Angmo to get an RSC verdict in her favour in the first round and will face Pooja Behra of Jharkhand in the pre-quarterfinals.

While Worlds silver medallist Manju Rani (48kg) outpunched Priyanka Shirsale, Asian champion Saweety Boora (81kg) defeated Marthamaa Sattivada 5-0.

Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) got a bye in the first round and will take on Puja Nayak of Odisha in the round-of-16 on Friday.

On the attack: Nikhat delivered a flurry of punches, forcing the referee to stop her contest against Abinaya. A.M. FARUQUI

Important results:
48kg: Simran (Chd) bt Neha (HP) 4-1, Manju Rani (RSPB) bt Priyanka Shirsale (Mah) 5-0.
50kg: Nikhat Zareen (Tel) bt L.K. Abinaya (TN) RSC-R1.
52kg: Kavya Peddada (AP) bt Shivani (Kar) 5-0.
54kg: M. Dhivya (TN) bt Rupa Ranjani (Jha) 5-0.
57kg: Mandeep Kaur (Pun) bt Jyoti (Del) 5-0.
60kg: Simranjit Kaur (Pun) bt Nilzaya Angmo (Lad) RSC-R1; Pooja Behra (Jha) bt Purnima Sahani (Ben) 4-1.
66kg: Manju Bamboria (MP) bt Pooja (RSPB) 3-2.
70kg: Jyoti (RSPB) bt Nomita Kachari (Asm) 5-0, M. Anjali (TN) bt Shivani Bharti (Bih) 4-3.
81kg: Saweety Boora (Har) bt Marthamma Sattivada (AP) 5-0.

Narsingh keen to fire in the wrestling Nationals

Y.B. Sarangi
VISAKHAPATNAM

In the absence of several big names like Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Ravi Dahiya and World championships medallists Vinesh Phogat, Anshu Malik and Deepak Punia, World bronze medallists Narsingh Yadav and Sarita Mor will be among the notable figures in the National wrestling championships, starting at the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium here on Wednesday.

World under-23 champion Aman Sehrawat, World under-20 champion Antim Panghal and several up-and-coming athletes will look to leave their mark at the event, which will serve as the platform for the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) to pick wrestlers for the National camp in the run-up to the Asian championships in March next year.

For 33-year-old Narsingh, who made his mark by winning the Commonwealth Games gold medal in Delhi way back in 2010, any event is an opportunity to get better.

Prep time: Narsingh going through his practice routine on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

"I have always nurtured the dream of winning an Olympic medal, but it has eluded me so far. My movements became slower due to the (four-year) gap (owing to a doping suspension). But I am trying to excel and compete in the Paris Olympics," said Narsingh.

"It may be hard to maintain fitness with growing age and I may not be winning gold medals as of now, but I am sure my perseverance will take me to my goal," added Narsingh, who competed in the National Games and the all-India police meet earlier this year. For the first time, the WFI has waived the entry fees to enable the participation of wrestlers from underprivileged backgrounds. Besides, it has allowed only one team from a State or a unit.

The opening day will feature freestyle bouts followed by Greco Roman and women competitions.

Thomas Cup triumph, CWG high make 2022 a year to remember

Lakshya and Sindhu cover themselves with glory in the singles events at Birmingham; Satwik-Chirag duo and Prannoy also produce consistent performances in the circuit

BADMINTON

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NEW DELHI

An epic Thomas Cup victory broke the glass ceiling while unprecedented success came at the Commonwealth Games as India took giant steps towards becoming a badminton powerhouse in 2022.

Double Olympic medallist Sindhu continued to excel with three titles – Syed Modi International, Swiss Open Super 350 and Singapore Open Super 500 – and capped the year with an elusive gold in Birmingham CWG before spending the rest of the season nursing an ankle injury.

Fantastic display: The Indian team scripted an awe-inspiring run at the Thomas Cup. BADMINTONPHOTO

Sindhu. GETTY IMAGES

Lakshya. PTI

Men to the fore

If Lakshya secured his maiden Super 500 title and also bagged the CWG gold besides two final finishes, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty made it their most successful year ever with two World Tour titles, CWG gold and a first-ever World Championship bronze.

While Lakshya and Satwik-Chirag began the year with titles at the Indian Open Super 500, the former went on to become the first Indian man after P. Gopichand to reach the finals of the All England Championships after another final finish at German Open.

However, the true moment of glory came a few months later in May when a group of men, led by H.S. Prannoy and K. Srikanth, scripted an awe-inspiring run at the Thomas Cup – the world's most prestigious team event – to return with first-ever gold.

Birmingham blast

The celebration of this historic feat was not yet over when Indian shuttlers scripted yet another jaw-dropping show in Birmingham, returning with six medals, including three golds, a silver and two bronze medals in August.

Srikanth, a gold medallist in 2018, managed a bronze, while the women's doubles pair of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly won a maiden bronze. India missed the gold in the mixed team competition and settled for a silver.

Satwik-Chirag continued to soar higher in the second half as they achieved another milestone, becoming the first Indian men's pair to win a bronze medal at the World Championships in Tokyo.

The duo scripted another creditable show in Paris when they secured their maiden super 750 title at French Open, again the first Indian pair to do so.

The year was also a successful one for Prannoy, who emerged as the most consistent Indian player in the circuit with seven quarterfinals, two semifinals and a runner-up finish at the Swiss Open.

Prannoy's consistent run saw him qualify for the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals and also earn a nomination for the BWF Player of the year award.

Juniors shine

The junior Indian players also hogged the limelight with Sankar Muthuswamy securing a silver medal at the World Junior Championships and becoming the World No. 1 in the boys' singles.

Tasnim Mir also achieved the numero uno status in the girls' singles rankings during the year.

The para shuttlers were also not far behind as reigning Paralympic gold medallist Pramod Bhagat secured his fourth gold in singles at the Worlds, which also saw Manisha Ramadass claim the top prize in women's singles.

Leave it alone — it's a subtle art, but there's some danger too

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

No one wakes up in the morning and decides to go for a cricket match hoping to see batsmen leaving the ball alone ('shouldering arms'). Yet it is one of the subtler arts of a fascinating sport, and one that is on the verge of disappearing from white ball cricket. In red ball cricket, it was calculated that nearly a quarter of all deliveries are left untouched by batsmen.

A ball not played does not indicate an uneventful moment in the game. Cricket is unique in that it is as much about batsmen leaving the ball as hitting it. You can't refuse to hit a good serve in tennis, for example, simply because you think it might send the ball out.

Batting specialty

Voluntary non-playing is a batting specialty. A form of passive aggression, if you will. A fast bowler comes thundering in off a long run up and throws his heart into a delivery only to find the batsman whistle at it (and not always metaphorically) as it goes past him. Frustration can lead to mistakes.

After India won the Centurion Test last year, K.L. Rahul, who scored a century, spoke about leaving the ball outside the off stump, "It is something that I enjoy doing a lot. That's the key to Test cricket, as you need to enjoy leaving balls outside the off-stump." Not all batters will confess to enjoying the act, but the thinking is sound. The more a batsman enjoys it, the less a bowler will.

What is interesting about the leave is that both batsman and bowler can feel, legitimately, that each is setting up the other. The bowler keeps bowling wide outside the off stump and watches with a secret smile as the batsman lets the deliveries go. Then he brings one in, catching the batsman with his bat held high as the ball crashes into the stumps. Simon Jones dismissed Michael Clarke thus in the Ashes series of 2005. In the Lord's Test of 2014, Virat Kohli was shocked when an apparently harmless ball from Liam Plunkett suddenly developed fangs.

This is cricket's most mortifying dismissal, and needs an expression to itself. Perhaps a batsman is 'shouldered out' when he misjudges thus. The iconic shouldering out in India's history came at the 1983 World Cup final when Gordon Greenidge allowed a ball from Balwinder Sandhu to go but it refused to do so, changing its course and that of the match.

Like scoring a zero, getting out while shouldering arms has been the fate of many batsmen. David Gower, that most elegant of players was elegantly dismissed by Waqar Younis in his last Test innings, the ball delicately removing the off bail. From a batsman's point of view, letting the ball go is a strategy to get the bowler to fall into the trap of changing his line or length and to get punished for it. As the bowler readjusts, the batsman pounces on the offering.

Sunil Gavaskar, one of the great leavers was also one of the most elegant. The more he left, the more he settled in. With some batsmen it is possible to say they are in good nick when they play a favourite shot early. With Gavaskar, the more he didn't play, the more dangerous he grew. Ricky Ponting lunged, and Kevin Pietersen seemed to threaten in the act; perhaps it irritated the bowler more. Tough to say, although bowler-irritation is an element of ball-leaving.

At the other end of the elegance scale – but more entertaining – was the technique of Courtney Walsh who jumped across, squared up, and after a little jig ended up with the bat under his arm having earlier swung it over the ball. The shining eyes completed the stroke (or lack of it). Steve Smith in his fidgety days ended up facing the wicketkeeper while leaving the ball. Things happened in-between, but he might have employed more muscles to leave the ball than he did to play it.

Judging a ball as being harmless enough to ignore is one of the least discussed aspects of batting. Coaching manuals ignore it. Even players don't make a big deal of it. Perhaps they are superstitious, rather like actors who refuse to mention the name of the Scottish play by Shakespeare.

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1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **20.12.2022 to 29.12.2022 up to 15.00 Hrs**. 2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **23.12.2022. Time : 11.30 Hrs.**, Venue : O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **29.12.2022 Time : 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **30.12.2022 Time : 17:00 Hrs**. (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

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DIPR/ADK/MCA/742/22-23 dt.19.12.2022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Office of the Executive Engineer
M.I. & GWD Division, Mysore

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 08/2022-23, Dated: 17.12.2022

On behalf of the Governer of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, M.I. & GWD Division, Mysore invites itemwise tenders from registered and eligible contractors under "e-Procurement" Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender documents for 6 (Six) works, minium amount put ot tender Rs 8.20 lakhs , maximum amount put to tender Rs.100.00 Lakhs and EMD amount minimum Rs.0.21 lakhs and maximum amount Rs 2.00 lakhs. The other tender details are given below. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office during office hours up to: Date: 26.12.2022. Last date to upload the tenders with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website "www.eproc.karnataka.govt.in": Date: 28.12.2022 – 5-30 PM. The bids will be opened: Date: 30.12.2022 – 11-00 AM.

Note: All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all bids or any individual bids of this tender notification without assigning any reasons by the under signed. The terms and conditions for each work is published in the "e - Procurement" Tender Portal. Any corrigendum pertains to above tender will be published in e-Procurement Portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mysore.
DIPR/DDMYS/MCA/789/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: SEE/WMC/TKR/EE(O)/AEE-2/4637-41 Date: 15.12.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tender under e-procurement portal against Bid enquiry No. SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/EE(O)/AEE/Enq-18 dated 15.12.2022 for providing manpower services for **Carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at various sub-stations coming under Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Tumakuru.**

The detailed information regarding subject enquiry in e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **23.12.2022.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (El.),
Trans (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganaga Complex, B.H.Road, Tumakuru-2.

Executive Engineer B.T.D.A, Dn No.2,Bagalkot
No:EE/BTDA/Dn.2/C.Tender-10/2022-23/ 3288 Dated:19.12.2022

CORRIGENDUM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement only)

Tenders were invited by the under signed for various works from registered eligible contractors vide this office Short term tender notification **No. EE/BTDA/Dn.2/Tender-10/2022-23/ 3141** Dated: **07.12.2022.** due to technical reasons the corrigendum tender Notification is issued duly extending the calendar events of the tender process for the Serial **No. 1 to 28** the intending bidders for work details may login to e-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till **28.12.2022 up to 5.00 PM.** The technical bids will be opened on **29.12.2022 at 05.10 Pm** (if possible) Financial bids will be opened on **31.12.2022 @ 11.00 AM** (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone number **08534-297054.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/BGK/703/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY **BTDA, Division No.02 Bagalkote**

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division, No.1 Sakaleshpur -573134
No: EE/ VJNL/ YPD-1/SKP/AE-5/2022-23/958 Dated:20.12.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Percentage rate tenders under Yettinahole Project are invited for Hassan District 2022-23 Roads KPWD enrolled Category-III contractors. The bid shall be submitted in Two Cover System containing the technical bid and financial bid. The amount put to tender of the Package work, indent No. and blank tender documents can be obtained and submitted through website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Contractors can access the bid documents for above works from 20.12.2022 to 27.12.2022 upto 17.30 Hrs Technical Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole project Division No.1, Sakleshpur on 29.12.2022, 11.30 Hrs onwards. Financial bid of the qualified bidder will be opened after obtaining approval to technical bid from competent authority. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, VJNL, YP Division, No.1, Sakaleshpura
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